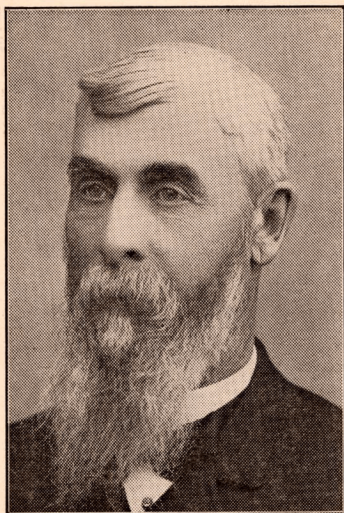


HISTORY OF
Fredericksburg and Vicinity

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INTRODUCTORY.

ONE might exclaim; it is sufficient praise to say of a township of land, that it is a part and parcel of the State of Iowa. Such an exclamation although eminently a just one, could only be construed to mean in its prestine condition.

Nature when she prepared the great tract of country lying along the Mississippi river—both east and west—within the parallels of forty to forty-four degrees, was not sparing of her material. She put everything here that an on-coming, enterprising, industrious people would require to maintain and sustain them through all the years to come. The only conditions

were, accept the lands and "work out your own salvation."

Sturdy men and women from the eastern states and from across the seas looked over into this goodly land. They saw its rich soil, its numerous streams of water, its timber and its pasture lands. As they looked they said, "Herein is a glorious land wherein we will dwell, and here we will build our homes."

Thousands of acres of rich prairie lands awaited their coming; awaited the hands of the husbandman to make them blossom with waving grain and tasseled corn.

Iowa, which lies between two great rivers, the Mississippi and Missouri, was created a territory in 1838 and admitted into the union as a state in 1846. There is hardly a foot of waste land within its border. Its agricultural capacity is incalculable.

The first settlements were made along the great river. As more people came they passed through the rough and broken lands along the Mississippi and went out to the rich prairies, selecting their lands along the streams and near the natural groves of timber.

There is no doubt but that the first permanent settlers in the townships now known as Fredericksburg and Dresden were Godfrey Vail and John A. Billings who came here July 8, '53.

GODFREY VAIL.

Godfrey Vail was born in the state of New York in the month of December 1803. We are

not able to give his father's name or that of his mother. He was married to Minerva E. Potter, daughter of Alanson and Selphina Potter, August 30, 1835, at Enfield, N. Y. There they lived until 1845 when they removed to Lake county, Illinois, remaining there until 1853, the date of their coming to Iowa. They came through with teams. On their arrival here they built a shanty on section 13-94-12. It was a beautiful season. The country in its primitive condition was charming. Game was abundant, and the only real privation was the distance from points where flour, feed and groceries could be obtained. People soon learned to adapt themselves to surrounding circumstances and these pioneers learned to do without many things, and yet get along fairly well. They used the wagons for sleeping apartments nearly all summer. The first winter was severe but they came through all right; wood was plenty and at their door. June 15, '54, they entered at Dubuque, the northwest quarter of 14-94-12. The number of the certificate was 16563 and was signed by Franklyn Pierce, president of the United States. Mr. Vail died June 19, 1856, aged fifty-two years, seven mo. and ten days; cause of death, consumption. Seven children were born to them as follows: Margaret, who died in infancy; Jessie, who died December 27, '66; Hadley, William Henry, Elizabeth, Ira P. and Sarah. Hadley married a Miss VanTassel and lives here in town; William Henry married Fannie Rowley, lives here; Elizabeth is Mrs. Buchhecker of Logan, Iowa;

Ira married Ina Kerr, lives at Lewis, Ia.; Sarah is Mrs. Monroe of Hubbard, Minn. February 24, 1882, Mrs. Vail married her second husband, John Wise of Floyd, Iowa, who died December 23, 1893. Mrs. Wise joined the Baptists in '51, and after coming here joined the Freewill Baptists in '53. She died March 26, 1902, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, one month and fourteen days.

JOHN ADAMS BILLINGS.

John Adams Billings and family came here from Boone county, Illinois. They reached here the same day Godfrey Vail and family did. They first met at Dubuque when ferrying over the river and came on together. He located on the southwest quarter of section 13-94-12. This farm is the one now owned by James Ellis. Here he lived until his death in 1886. Children, John, L. A., George, Anseline, Mary, Cornelia, Theodore and Eliza. Anseline married a man by the name of Buntz from whom she parted; afterwards married a man by the name of South and they lived at West Union, Ia. Mary married a man by the name of Nash; they lived at West Union, and there she died. Cornelia married J. H. Michener of Fredericksburg; she died August 20, 1863 at the age of twenty-three years, and is buried in the west cemetery. Theodore and Eliza went to Missouri and here we lost track of them. George married Julia Lewis.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION.

The county of Chickasaw was organized April 3, 1854, and the county officers elected. At this election the whole county was considered as one precinct, under the name of Bradford. At the March term of the county court 1855, it was ordered that the county of Chickasaw constitute five election districts, viz: That town 94, 14 and 13 be called Bradford district; that town 95, 14 and 13 be called Chickasaw district; that town 96, 14 and 13 be called Brink district; that town 96, and one-half of 97, 11 and 12 be called Obispo district; that towns 94 and 95, 11 and 12 be called Yankee district.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS STONE.

Christopher Columbus Stone was born in the town of Sherman, Chatauqua county, N. Y., in March 1829. Came to Iowa in 1854. He tells us that the fall of '54 there was no frost until the month of November; no snow until after New Year's; rained New Year's day, turned cold and the country was one sheet of ice. Fred Padden was down on the Wapsie getting shingle timber, he had two yoke of oxen with him and they could not stir on the ice; he was obliged to go home without them and his load of timber. About the first of March '55 there were heavy snows; the 22d of March it commenced to thaw and kept it up until the ground was dry. Spring came early; fair grass for stock in the month of April. That fall a prairie fire

burned over the entire country; a man at Burbank's place—now called Alpha—while trying to save his cattle was so badly burned that he died. The winter of 1855-6 was very cold with not much snow. Game was plenty; deer in the groves ran about like sheep on a farm; now and then an elk; prairie wolves plenty, when one would start out with oxen they would follow like dogs; one old wolf with three legs became so tame that folks fed her out of pity. Season of 1856, corn and wheat raised. Winter of 1857-8 was a terror; heavy snows and very cold; Mr. Stone says it was the coldest winter he ever experienced, at one time during the winter a crust formed on the snow, the deer could not run over without breaking through, and many of them were killed.

Before coming to Iowa, Mr. Stone lived in Boone county, Illinois; afterwards removed to Green county, Wisconsin, near Albany. He was married to Arvilla Adams, April 17, 1849. When he came to Iowa he settled in the Yankee precinct, on land that lies in Dresden township. Built a log house. In '57 moved into Fredericksburg and bought a building on the corner built by Lewis Padden, and kept boarders—Horace Baker; Briggs, an engineer in the saw mill; Charlie Zwick, Ash Davis, Allen Mason (called Yankee) and others. The building stood on the northwest corner of Main and Washington streets. He kept boarders three months, then sold the building to Amos Haley, who started a hardware store; next built the building which was afterwards moved to Main

street and used by Milo L. Sherman as a store and dwelling house. Mr. Stone built, bought and sold several houses in town. Fall of 1863 moved to a small farm one mile south of town, here his wife died March 14, 1865. The 27th day of the following September, he married Grace Bolton. In '69 moved to Lawler and kept the American House. In '70 went onto a farm in Dresden township. Mr. Stone's second wife died in Fredericksburg, August 13, 1903. Children by first wife, Charles H., died in '53; Libbie married S. W. Hartwell; Malvina, is dead. Children by second wife, Jay C., Fay D. and Ralph. Mr. Stone lives in Fredericksburg but still keeps his farm.

JOSHUA SMITH.

Joshua Smith came here in 1854 from Illinois. He located on sections 14 and 23, eighty-five acres. A letter from his son, A. M. Smith of Ruthven, Iowa, of the date of February 16, 1902, says: "The winter of '53-4, father and myself came out looking for land. March '54 we stopped with Mr. Billings, and Mr. Appleberry was getting out logs for his house. The 27th of March we deeded land in Dubuque and in May moved to Iowa and commenced improvements. Mr. King and family were at Godfrey Vail's when we came; Mr. King had the logs about ready for his house; a few days after we went to the raising, it was the first log house we ever saw raised. W. H. Linderman and Webster Pease deeded their land before we were out in

March. We returned to Illinois in July; Wm. H. Linderman was then living in a tent made from wagon covers, the tent stood near where he built his log house. The Searls' and the Scissons' were camped by Mr. Vail's place when we went away. They all built log houses that summer."

To Joshua Smith were born nine children, viz: Alice, Amaziah, Zacheus, James, Mary, Naomi, Hannah, Basheba and Keziah.

Mrs. Smith died January 4, 1870. Mr. Smith married a second wife, Mrs. Polly Rowland. He died August 19, 1878. Second wife died February 18, 1879.

AMAZIAH SMITH.

Amaziah Smith was a son of Joshua Smith. He came here to remain the summer of '56; married November 10, 1858 to Martha I. Tisdale; lived on a farm for a few years. He was a tailor by trade and in July 1870 he removed to Fredericksburg and opened a tailor shop in his own building; during the year 1872 he built for himself and family a nice house; in 1877 his tailor shop with Padden Bros. hardware store and Mesdames Howe & Stone's millinery establishment were burned with all their contents. This was a heavy blow; he then went onto his father's farm for about three years. The fall of 1880 he removed to Ruthven, Iowa, where he lives now. Seven children were born to these parents, Seth, Ralph, Sophronia, James, Sarah, Cora and Alice.

ZACHEUS SMITH.

Zacheus Smith married Charlotte Ann Appleberry. He went to the war, was shot through the lungs but came out on duty two weeks after. Came home from the war and went to farming in Dresden township. He sold and went away. He is dead.

J. K. KRONINGER.

J. K. Kroninger was born in the state of Delaware, in 1817. His parents moved to Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1821, where he grew to manhood. He then moved to Delaware county, Ohio, where he was married in 1842 to Miss Sloanacker. In 1854 he left Ohio and came to Iowa; his first stop was at North Elkader; here he left his family and pushed on westward; he made his final stop in Chickasaw county, and pre-empted 120 acres of land on 36-95-12, New Hampton township. This was in 1854 and there were but few settlers here. There were seven families in the vicinity and they banded themselves into a "Pioneer Association," agreeing to stand by each other in sickness and adversity; the seven were John Morton, E. Collins, Alvin A. Brown, N. D. R. Cole, Nathan King, Tim McCarthy and J. K. Kroninger. Mr. Kroninger built a log house and began improving his farm. After being here one and one-half years, he brought his family from North Elkader. In connection with farming he did blacksmith work for the early settlers, and in fact

followed it to some extent until a few years before his death. He participated in the organization of the first school district in the county; it included a part of Dresden, New Hampton, Stapleton and Fredericksburg townships and it was called District No. 1; the school building was of logs and was situated at the corner of the four townships. We remember this school house very well and of seeing children going there to school; the time of building this house antedates all others in Yankee precinct; the first teacher in this school was Edward Tisdale; the first school directors were Thomas P. Vokes, N. D. R. Cole and J. K. Kroninger. In the county records we find the name of Mr. Kroninger as township trustee for 1860; in 1863 as county supervisor; he was school treasurer for four years and in 1873 when they organized an independent district he was elected treasurer, which office he held for years. They had five children, three of whom we knew: Joseph H., Albert J. and Sarah. Mr. Kroninger died May 27, 1874 and Mrs. Kroninger died March 18, 1898.

JESSE F. APPLEBERRY.

Jesse F. Appleberry was born in Virginia, in the year 1805. At his majority he was married to Mary Ann Blinco of the same state. Their first child, Ann Edna, was born there. He moved to Tennessee. After a short stay there he moved to Indiana where he remained for a good number of years, then moved to Iowa, first locating in Fayette county. He came here

in the fall of 1854. Nine children were born to these parents: Ann E., Luther, Frank M., Christiana, May F., Edward G., Nicholas B., Lucian R. and Virginia I.

NATHAN W. KING.

Nathan W. King and family came here in the spring of 1854. Located on section one, Dresden township. Here they lived, toiled and reared their family. In the year 1863, Mr. King met with an accident, getting a foot crushed in a threshing power. He suffered amputation above the knee, the limb did not heal and he died from blood poison August 29, 1863. They had four children: Amos, Jonas, Frances and Arvilla. Jonas died December 6, 1866; Arvilla the wife of Nathan W. Randall died February 3, '81. Mrs. King is dead.

JONATHAN RUSSELL.

Jonathan Russell was born September 22, 1797, in the state of New York, and grew to manhood there. He married Elizabeth Secknor, September 22, 1822, and went to Cook county, Illinois in 1850, and from there came to Dresden township, Chickasaw county, Iowa, in 1854. Twelve children were born to this union: Susanna, Wilkins, Lydia, Elizabeth, John S., James, Huldah, Ezra, Clarissa, Joseph, Melissa and Susan. Susanna died when a babe; Elizabeth, James, Susan and Joseph are dead.

The years 1868-9, Mr. Russell and wife spent

at Denver, Colorado, with their daughter Lydia; they then went to Missouri where they remained two years. In 1874 they went to California where Mr. Russell died in 1879. Mrs. Russell returned to Iowa where she lived with her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Jones, and her son John. In April 1891 she went to California where in December 1894 she died at Trimmer Springs.

WILLIAM H. LINDERMAN.

William H. Linderman was born in the state of New York, February 29, 1824; son of Henry and Dianah Linderman. While an infant his parents brought him to Manchester, Illinois where they settled. He lived there during the days of his minority. He married Parmelia Adams, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Masicar) Adams. Came to Iowa, Chickasaw county in 1854; located on section 23, Dresden township, where he built a log house. Mr. Linderman also bought 245 acres on sections 14 and 15 and afterwards built on section 14 where he died. He also owned lands on section 22; at one time he owned 400 acres of excellent land. Eight children graced this union: Alpheus, Myron, Sarah, Merritt H., Fannie, Carrie, Frank and Edward. Myron, Sarah, Carrie, Frank and Alpheus are dead.

During the years of Mr. Linderman's residence here he spent one year in California. He was a great worker, carried on a large farm, kept an excellent stock of horses and cattle and more than all, he was a man of generous

impulses, ever ready to help a neighbor when in financial straits be he rich or poor.

Mrs. Linderman died March 14, 1896; Mr. Linderman died January 27, 1897; both are buried in the West cemetery.

FREDERICK PADDEN.

During the fall of 1853, one John Patten, built a log shanty on section 12-94-12. This shanty stood near the bank of Plum creek; as near as I can locate it, it would be on the northeast corner of the lands belonging to the Chicago Great Western Railway, at its juncture with Plum creek. Where John Patten and family came from no one seems to know and their going away is wrapped in the same mystery. He occupied this shanty but a short time. He built a second shanty in Dresden township where himself and wife spent the winter of 1853-4. Sometime during the fall of 1853, Isreal Martin and wife moved into this first built shanty and lived there until the spring of 1854, when the Pattens and Martins went away.

During the summer of 1854 this shanty stood empty until the 21st day of September, when Frederick Padden came with his family and moved into it. This family consisted of his wife, Julia Ann, daughter Anna, sons Jerome, Robert and Melville M. They remained in this shanty until he had completed the first part of the building that was afterwards known as the Fountain House. Into this house he moved

sometime in the month of November 1854.

This Frederick Padden was from the state of Ohio. He was born in the state of New York in 1823. He was married at Springfield Corners, Pennsylvania, in 1845 to Julia Ann Robinson, daughter of Ephram and Anna Robinson. In 1849 he left Ohio and moved to Napiersville, Illinois, from there to Rome Corners, Dane county, Wisconsin; from there to West Union, Iowa.

Perhaps it will be pardonable at this early point in our History of Fredericksburg, to introduce to our readers this man from whom the town and township derived its name. In person he was nearly six feet in height, strong bone, carrying no surplus fat. His hair and whiskers were what are termed auburn in color, eyes light blue or gray. He was a man of great strength and gained the reputation of being able to lift more than any man here at that time. He was of a true pioneer cut, rough and ready, up and doing. He was the first hotel keeper, the first mill builder and owner, the first road master, the first postmaster, the second sheriff of Chickasaw county—not counting the organizing sheriff. If any one wanted to take up land they went to Mr. Padden to assist them. He possessed the gift of being able to walk a mile straight ahead, and could walk across a section from stake to stake and not vary twenty feet from a direct line, which feat is said is a hard thing to do. He early marked out the roads leading east and west. In all these improvements his was the moving lever.

As settlers began to come in, lumber was much needed. Mr. Padden was equal to the emergency. January 1856, he went east, purchased the entire machinery for a steam power mill. This machinery was hauled from Dubuque by team, over snow-drifted roads in the month of February.

This mill was located on the west side of Washington avenue at the juncture of Plum street, near the bank of Plum creek. In 1857 the mill was destroyed by fire. Nothing daunted Mr. Padden re-erected it in 1858. January 1862, this second mill was burned. During the winter of 1862 the machinery was hauled to McGregor and sold.

In the month of October 1856, the town of Fredericksburg was platted. Frederick Padden and Dan Bloxham, proprietors.

During the summer of 1857, Mr. Padden built a second hotel on block four, corner of Washington and Mill street. This house he named after his wife. On a large sign board running along the ridge board of the roof, one could read

.....
: JULIANN HOUSE :
.....

People as a rule thought he meant it for Julien, that the painter had made a mistake, but such was not the case. The sign remained there until 1885, when in a very severe storm of wind and rain, it was blown off. The new sign read "Julien."

In the month of August, 1857, Mr. Padden

was elected sheriff of Chickasaw county, receiving 414 votes against A. E. Bigelow 350. Mr. Padden resigned in 1858 and Charles Zwick was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

During the years 1858-9, Mr. Padden gave much attention to selling of real estate, also village lots. About this time the McGregor, St. Peter & Mississippi railroad was surveyed through town and the depot grounds located. Lots in the village went skyward in price and sold for prices that have never been realized since. The railroad failed to come.

Frederick Padden went into the army in the fall of 1863. He was a member of Company "C," Sixth Iowa Cavalry. This regiment was kept on the western frontier. At the close of the war he came home out of health. During the time of his service he was wounded in one of his legs by an Indian arrow. As the wound did not heal, it was supposed that the arrow was poisoned. Be that as it may, the wound kept open, and in the end blood poison followed, and the seventh day of August, 1867, he died. His life was insured in the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee for one thousand dollars. He was buried in the West cemetery.

This hardy pioneer who broke the way for settlement in the southeast corner of Chickasaw county, did not live to realize his hopes; he went down at the noontime of life, being only 44 years of age, leaving a wife and five children to breast the storms of life as best they might.

He was impulsive but generous, he made many mistakes for he was human, so when we laid him down to rest and the solemn chant died away on the afternoon's stillness, we buried all his faults with him to be remembered no more, and to speak only of his good qualities.

Mrs. Padden continued to keep the hotel until 1873, when she sold it to Thomas Moore and moved into the country. After one year she was back in the hotel and kept it until January, 1878, when she sold it to William Johnson. In September of the same year, she and her family moved to Hebron, Thayer county, Nebraska. She continued a widow until the time of her death, which occurred at Effingham, Kansas, March 30, 1905, at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 12 days. Her remains were brought here and laid by the side of her husband.

JOHN HADLEY.

John Hadley came here in 1854 from Cook county, Illinois. He married Maria Potter, daughter of Alanson and Sulphina (Evarts, Potter. He located on Sec. 24, the west half of the northeast quarter of 94-12—eighty acres. This land he sold to Alanson Potter, his father-in-law, and moved to Auburn, Fayette county, where he died July 24, 1873. No children. His widow married again, separated from her husband and died in this town December 9, 1897. She was buried in the West cemetery.

ALVIN A. BROWN.

Alvin A. Brown came here from Illinois in 1854. He purchased the northwest quarter of section 6-94-11. They had three sons and a daughter living. Their daughter Florence died January 23, 1865, at the age of ten years. She was buried in the west cemetery. In 1878 Mr. Brown moved to Thayer county, Nebraska. He now lives near Kansas City. Their daughter Lillie married a son of Reuben Hanan of Dresden township, and she and her husband live near her parents.

CHARLES P. SNOW.

Charles P. Snow was born in Madison county, New York, July 22, 1829; son of Laura and Roxanna Snow. Came with his parents to Illinois in 1835 and located where the city of Freeport now stands. At that time an Indian village occupied the ground. He married Sarah A. Brown in '51, and the next year they came to Iowa, locating in Eden township, Fayette county. Their first child, a son named John, was born there. In '54 the family moved to this county and settled on section 36 in New Hampton township now, then Yankee precinct. Two sons were born to them on this farm, Oscar and Philo. He moved to Fredericksburg and worked at the trade of a blacksmith. Two children were born to them in Fredericksburg, Arthur and Maude. In '62 he enlisted in Company "C," 38th Iowa Infantry. The spring of '67 he left Fredericksburg, moving to Freeport, Illinois.

GEORGE HILLSON.

George Hillson was born in Conwood, Devonshire, England, in 1813. He remained with his parents until he was eighteen years old; then served in the English navy for a short time; afterwards served an apprenticeship as a wheelwright for five years; then went to England and worked at his trade at Cheshire. In 1848 he was married to Sarah Elford of Devonshire. The following April they came to America, landing at Boston. They lived in Andover, four years, then moved to Rockford, Illinois, where they lived two years. In May 1855, they came to Iowa and located in Fredericksburg. Bought ninety acres of land of W. H. Linderman; built a house on the land and moved into it November 3, 1855.

Mr. Hillson was an ordained Methodist minister, and often filled the pulpit at the M. E. church. Himself and wife were among the charter members of the M. E. church here. He was the first wagonmaker here. His health was poor, lived a strict vegetarian, ate no meat, used no pepper, spice nor butter and seldom salt. In figure he was very spare, looked and acted tired out all the time. He was a great bible student.

Mrs. Hillson was a ready talker on almost any subject; she practiced midwifery; was a strict Hydropathist.

Three children constituted their family: Charles, Horace and Francis. Charles and Francis are dead. Horace lives in the 'Burg.

Mr. Hillson died in July 1893 and Mrs. Hillson died in June 1894.

WILLIAM L. ADAMS.

William L. Adams was born in Tompkins county, New York, February 6, 1827; son of George W. and Anna (Linderman) Adams; brought by his parents to Ohio in 1833, Lorraine county, and from there to Boone county, Illinois.

Mr. Adams was married in 1846 to Elizabeth Linderman, daughter of Henry and Dianah (Hamill) Linderman. They came to Iowa in 1855 and located on sections 22 and 24-94-12, Dresden township—240 acres. Seven children were born to this union: Sarah Louisa, Augusta, George, Frank, Cora, Etta and Elizabeth. The first four were born in Boone county, Illinois, and the last three in Dresden township, Iowa. Sarah and Augusta died in Illinois. George married for his first wife Emma Jones of Franklyn county, she died and he married for his second wife Luna Kearney and moved to Minnesota. Frank married Sylvia Proctor, daughter of E. W. Proctor of Williamstown, she died; his second wife was Mate Hanan, daughter of Reuben Hanan. Cora married Will Simmons, Etta married Silas Potter. Elizabeth married Leburn Russell. All live here.

Mrs. W. L. Adams died March 11, 1893, buried at Rose Hill cemetery. October 1895, Mr. Adams married for his second wife Mrs. Allen Randall. In 1892 he rented his farm and mov-

ed into Fredericksburg. Sold his farm in 1899 for \$40 an acre.

THOMAS P. VOKES.

Thomas P. Vokes came here from the state of Illinois in the month of May 1855. He purchased from A. A. Brown the northwest quarter of section 6-94-11. He was English by birth; he was an active man in all town matters—especially in school matters. Mr. Vokes was married three times. By his first wife he had three children—two sons and one daughter; one of his sons died in Mexico, one lived in Dakota; his daughter Alice married Frank Ellsworth; she died November 1886, aged 30 years; she is buried in Rose Hill cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Voxes married Sarah L. Carey, daughter of Wesley W. and Julia Carey, this wife died leaving a son William, he married Mary Elliott and they reside in California. His third wife was formerly the wife of Gilbert J. Tisdale (divorced). Mr. Vokes' father and mother lived on his farm in a house by themselves, their daughter, Mrs. Havelock caring for them; they lived to be very old, his father died first at 91 or 92 years of age and the mother soon followed. Mr. Vokes is dead.

The first election in the southeast portion of Yankee precinct was held at the home of T. P. Vokes in 1855. He was one of the charter members of the Chickasaw County Agricultural Society and was a school director for many years. His daughter Alice, was the third child born in the township.

VALERIUS H. KENDALL.

Valerius H. Kendall was born in Genesee county, town of Stafford, New York, in 1826. Son of Orator H. and Laura (Lyman) Kendall. Came to Fredericksburg in September, 1855. Boarded with Fred Padden at the Fountain House. Left Fredericksburg the December following, and after a few days at Decorah went to West Union, where he remained until February, 1856. Then he returned to New York. In October, 1859, he came back to Fredericksburg. During the time of his first coming here he bought of D. B. Hanan the northeast quarter of section 7-94-11. The spring of 1860 he broke thirty-five acres on said land and fenced in forty. April 21, 1861, he married Helen Charlotte Warren, daughter of Asheal and Eliza Ann (Robinson) Warren. In 1865 he went into business with Mrs. E. A. Warren and W. S. Pitts; firm name Warren, Kendall & Co. Sold his interest to Warren & Pitts in 1869 and moved on a farm south of town. This land he bought in 1866 at \$5.00 an acre. Mrs. Kendall died November 18, 1871. In 1873 he went to Nashua where he remained a short time. The 9th day of September with his son Wallace, he went to Superior, Nebraska, and went into the drug business. Here he continued in business until the time of his death, July, 1897.

Wallace Warren Kendall, son of V. H. and Helen C. (Warren) Kendall, was born in Fredericksburg, February 6, 1862. He lives at Superior, Nebraska, is a prominent druggist

and one of the leading men of that thriving city.

LEVI WHEELER.

Levi Wheeler was born in New York. Married to Rosina Padden, August 20, 1849, in Pennsylvania. Moved to Ashtabula county, Ohio, and located near Clark's Corners. Came to Fredericksburg township the spring of 1855. Built a log shanty on section 18, one-half mile east of town. Five children in the family, viz: Ella, Elvira, Emogene, Truman and Warren.

Ella is married and lives in Illinois. Elvira dead. Emogene married, lives in Nemah, Nebraska. Warren dead.

Levi Wheeler died in Nebraska in 1895. Mrs. Wheeler is a sister of Loren Padden. She is still a widow.

DAN BLOXAM.

Dan Bloxham with his family came here in 1855. He settled on a farm one mile north of town. In 1865 he sold the farm and moved to Grundy county where he died. He was a part owner of the village plat with Frederick Padden. The house that he lived in on the farm stood back from the road, as it now runs, about sixty rods. There were two sons and one daughter: Warren, Joseph and Hannah. Warren married a sister of Wm. Bullock and moved to Grundy county. Joseph died in the army. Hannah went with the family to Grundy coun-

ty. Mr. Dan Bloxham was of English descent. He went into the service of the Sixth Iowa Cavalry, Company "C."

JAMES POTTER.

In July 1855, James Potter, his wife Rhoda, and six children, came from Pennsylvania. Mr. Potter built a pole shanty for his family near the spot of land where the Baptist church now stands. This shanty was not waterproof, and when it rained Mrs. Potter would push the bed into one corner that did not leak, and put such things upon it as should be kept dry, put the children under the bed and let it rain. They lived in this shanty until October of the same year, when they moved in with J. A. Billings, where they stayed until Mr. Potter completed a log house on his own farm on section 19-94-11 where he moved November 15, 1855. This farm lays one mile south of town on the east side of the road. The log house stood one hundred rods east of the present highway; it fell down in 1877. A grove of wild plum trees and a few cottonwoods now mark the spot.

The fall of 1865, Mr. Potter bought S. G. Merriam's house in town and moved it onto his farm. Here they lived until the fall of '85 when he purchased property in town to which they moved, and here they died.

Fidelia, the oldest daughter, married James Hubbard, and they live in the house where her parents died. James Potter, Jr., married in Kansas, but lives here at this writing. Amos,

a lawyer by profession, died at Paoli, Kansas, the spring of 1874. Benjamin married Eliza, daughter of Samuel and Julia Marsh; she died June 13, 1883, and was buried at Maple Grove cemetery. Lottie Potter married Wm. March; they live here in town. Clara married Mr. Schuyler VanGordon; they live in Wisconsin.

WILLIAM CASE, SR.

The third day of June 1855, William Case Sr., came with his family to this township. He located on the southwest quarter of section 4-94-11. He took his land by pre-emption, and afterwards took a time deed. Later he sold the east half of his land and paid for his homestead. His family consisted of his wife, three boys, John, Peter, William Jr., and two girls, Sarah and Gertrude. Another daughter, Mary, came on later. The log house he built on his farm stood back from the present highway about forty rods. As late as 1876 it was standing—a relic of pioneer days. Two large cottonwood trees stood near it.

Mr. Case died September 1, 1863. His wife went to Colorado with her son John. She died there in 1880.

JOHN CASE.

This boy John came here with his parents in 1855. He had lost one leg. He married Miss Mary Ann Diemont. In 1857 he erected a store building in town on the north side of Plum creek, where he sold merchandise until the

year 1863. The postoffice was kept in this building. In 1863 he removed to Colorado. He now lives in northwest Canada.

PETER CASE.

Peter Case came here in 1855 with his parents. He also had lost a leg through a white swelling of the knee joint when a boy. He was appointed postmaster here in '61 and held the position for twenty-five years. In the month of June 1861 he was united in marriage to Miss Janette Eager. Four children graced the union—Everett B., Effie H., Helena and Florence. Everett died October 1864. Effie died October 1867. Helena married Ben Clark, was divorced from him; she married a second time and lives in Chicago. Florence married Met McGee; they reside in Missouri.

Mr. Case held the office of town clerk for many years, was secretary of the school board, also a notary public.

Himself and wife are living here still, honored and respected by their many friends.

WILLIAM CASE, JR.

William Case Jr., lived on the home farm for a number of years. In January 1862 he enlisted at Dubuque, Iowa, Company "B," 13th U. S. Infantry. Was with Col. W. T. Sherman called "old Billy"—sometimes "Tecumseh." Went to Alton, Illinois. Guarded prisoners awhile at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. From

there went to Memphis where the regiment remained a short time, thence to Nashville, Tenn. Was at Vicksburg; help dig a canal around that city. From there he was returned to Nashville where he was mustered out January 1865.

After the war Mr. Case was married to Miss Adelia Eager, and began farming on the old home farm. They have four children, Judd E., Daisy G., Wendall G. and Nellie M. Judd married a Miss Mary Milner; lives at Charles City, Iowa. Daisy married F. E. Gerbig of Stacyville, Iowa. Wendall and Nellie are at home. Nellie is cashier at F. E. Thorne's general store.

A few years ago Mr. Case sold the home farm and purchased a farm one-half mile east of town where he resides.

GERTRUDE, SARAH AND MARY CASE.

Gertrude Case married a man by the name of Chris Kelty, they moved to Colorado, where we are told she died.

Sarah Case married Alexis Hubbard. They moved first to Colorado, then to Illinois; and later, we are told, to Ohio where she died.

Mary Case Wood went to Colorado. There was another girl named Emily who married a Richardson; they lived in Wisconsin.

LORENZO MARK.

Lorenzo Mark, son of Philip and Lydia Mark, was born in Chatauqua county, New York, July

29, 1826. He left his native state in 1847 and came to Dubuque, where he lived eight years. He came to Fredericksburg township in October 1855, and bought a farm of 230 acres. He married Margaret Hamilton, of Stephenson county, Illinois, at Freeport, November 26, 1865. Four children were born to this union: Mary, Martha, Lucy and Phoebe. Phoebe died February 13, 1876; Lucy married Fred Malzahn, a farmer; Mary and Martha live in Fredericksburg.

Mr. Mark died October 10, 1892. His wife died October 16, 1903.

JOHN MARK.

John Mark, the first son of Phillip and Lydia Mark, was born in Pomfort, Chautauqua county, New York. On May 21st, 1855, was married to Sarah L. Van Guilder, and started for Iowa the following day. Their first stop was at Dubuque, where they remained until the fall of 1855, when he came to Fredericksburg township and located on section 31-94-11,—200 acres. They remained on the farm until 1893, when they sold the farm to S. S. Slocum and moved to town. Four children were born to them, Emily in '56; Ella in '58; Belle in '62 and George in '65. Emily married Charles Hubbard. Ella married Ellis Eastland a farmer in this township. Belle married John H. Johnson and lives at Dexter, Minn.

Mr. Mark died July 25, 1902. His widow lives with her daughter Belle.

CALVIN MARK.

Calvin Mark, another of our pioneers, was born in Chatauqua county, New York and was a brother of Lorenzo and John Mark. He went to Dubuque in 1847 and remained there ten years, coming to Fredericksburg township the fall of 1858. He owned and lived on the place known as the Wilcox farm. They had two children, Rosy and Lucy. Calvin sold his farm in 1866 and moved to Missouri where Lucy died in November 1868.

ALPHEUS ADAMS.

Alpheus Adams came with his family to Fredericksburg township in 1855. He located on the east half of the southeast quarter of section 10-94-11. Lived there until 1880 when he sold his farm to John Dayton. Besides farming Mr. Adams worked as a stone mason. He had a bad foot and knee which prevented him from doing heavy manual labor. He died at Nashua, July, 22, 1904. Mrs. Adams is living with her children. They had five children: Alzina, Amenzo, Clystea, Anthony and Ida.

MELY PADDEN.

Mely Padden came with his wife to Fredericksburg the spring of 1855. He opened a small farm one-half mile south of town, now embraced in the Grover estate farm. He left here in 1863 going to Michigan.

CHARLES CONNOR.

In 1855 Charles Conner and family came to Fredericksburg township from Maringo, Illinois. They had three sons: Isaac, Emory and George. Mrs. Conner is dead. Mr. Conner moved from here years ago.

THE HUBBARDS.

The Hubbards, although settling just over the line in Bremer county, have been so closely identified with us in the building of a township that we have thought it best to enumerate them with us. The progenitor of the families located here, was Jeremiah Hubbard born in the state of New York. He came here in May, 1855. His sons known here are Luther and James.

Luther Hubbard was born in New York in 1832. His wife, Martha Hurlbut, was born in Ohio in 1834. They came to Iowa in 1855, locating near his father. Their children whom we know are Francis Adelbert, Charles, Addie, Will and Nettie. Francis Adelbert was married in 1874 to Mary E. Vanguilder. Charles married one of John Mark's daughters. Addie is the wife of James Broadie of Dresden township. Nettie married a Farnham and now lives in Minnesota.

James Hubbard also came here in 1855. He married a daughter of James Potter, Sr. They now reside in town. They have an adopted boy, Harry Hubbard, who is a signal officer in the U. S. navy; at the present time he is as-

signed to the "Pennsylvania."

BUEL SHERMAN.

Buel Sherman was born in Connecticut, Oct. 16, 1825. In the year 1837 he came with his parents to Kane county, Illinois. He received such education as the country then afforded. He married Celia Page, daughter of Gilbert and Lydia Page. Came to Fredericksburg township in May 1857. He located on section 9 and owned a half section of land, although not all on that section. Here he began farming, the raising of stock, and also opening up as fast as possible a nursery of fruit and ornamental trees.

Five children graced this union, viz: Ida, Minnie, Erwin, Marinus, and Dora, who lived to manhood and womanhood. Ida married Albert Caulkins of Richland township and they now live at Storm Lake, Iowa. Erwin married Gertrude Patten of Charles City, Iowa, where he lives and is the owner of one of the largest and best nurseries in this state. Minnie is in Chicago; she is a successful teacher of physical culture. Marinus Sherman lives in Payette, Idaho; he married Miss Ella Gibson, of Decorah. Dora, the youngest, is with her brother in Idaho; she is single. Mr. Sherman was a man that had an eye for things beautiful. Flowers were his delight, and he cultivated them in profusion. Ornamental trees and shrubbery he cultivated and grew in great quantities, and all over this part of Iowa can be seen to-day his

handiwork, in the way of ornamental trees. We know of places that are charming to look upon, grounds that are laid out with taste, which he planned; beautiful with trees that he had put there with his own hands. This great love led him into what our farmers call a sad mistake, by getting so much on his farm lands into evergreens that did not sell, and to-day are bringing in no revenue. The driveway in the form of the letter S starting in on the north side of his farm and winding about for the distance of nearly one-half mile to the center of the section where the home is, is one of the finest of its kind in Iowa, and we doubt if its equal can be found. When the forty acres or more, was set out with evergreen trees, land was not worth to exceed twenty-five dollars an acre, and he had an abundance of it for cultivation. There was therefore no good reason why he should not gratify his taste. The gift to get and save money was not bestowed upon the man, but gifts of much greater worth it was his to enjoy. He was graced with them.

The 29th day of January, 1893, Mr. Sherman looked from his window across the Evergreen Valley farm for the last time,—his work was done. Mrs. Sherman is still a widow and lives on the farm.

O. H. P. SEARL.

O. H. P. Searl was born in Bath, Green county, Ohio, March 30, 1815; son of David and Olin (Tracey) Searl. Left Ohio at the age of twenty,

went to Putnam county, Illinois. In the year 1837, came to Iowa, Louisa county. In 1839 he went back to Illinois. In 1842 to Rock county, Wisconsin. In 1844 he was married to Lucinda Martin. In 1850 he went to California by the overland route. Returned in 1854, and in July of the same year came to Chickasaw county, Iowa. Located in Yankee Precinct on section 34. The land was covered with heavy timber. In the month of April 1855, the first precinct election was held at the home of Godfrey Vail; twenty-one votes were cast. Osgood Gowan and O. H. P. Searl were elected Justices of the Peace; John A. Billings, Town Clerk; John Q. A. Billings, Assessor; Nathan W. King and a Mr. Corkins, Trustees; Fred Padden, Road Supervisor; U. D. Babcock and R. P. Scisson, Constables. O. H. P. Searl was sworn into office by Judge Lyon at Bradford. Searl swore in the Precinct officers. State election held at the residence of A. A. Brown, August 1855. Spring of 1856, election held at the residence of T. P. Vokes. Edwards was elected Assessor but would not serve and Tom Staples was appointed in his place; Gowan road supervisor; C. C. Stone assistant. When Fredericksburg was organized Mr. Searl was elected a Justice of the Peace a second time—this was in 1855, D. B. Hanan was also elected a Justice. The winter of 1857 was a hard one, deep snow with crust. DeWitt C. Thompson killed over forty deer; Perry killed one with a club. Searl shot them with a pistol. He wounded one in one of its front legs, that went lame about the

county, and became known as the Searl's wolf.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Searl were Mary, Emeline and Eveline (twins), David, Julia, George and Olin.

Mr. Searl was by nature well adapted to the exigencies of a new country, and he made himself useful, and he will be remembered by the early settlers as long as there are any of them left. He died July 22, 1885. Mrs. Searl is still a widow. Her sons David and George are with her, they are unmarried.

WEBSTER PEASE.

Webster Pease was born in Hartford, Conn., April 10, 1810. When a young man he went to Massachusetts, and there learned the carpenter trade. From there he went to the state of New York, where he married Miss Lucinda Robinson. Three children were born to this union: Emeline, George M. and Addie. The first born died in New York. George M. now lives in Decorah, Iowa. Addie married P. A. Ford of Chicago, and lives there at this date. Mrs. Pease died in her native state.

In the year 1845, Mr. Pease married Lucy Older in Walworth county, Wisconsin. Eight children were born to this second union: Elmer W., Henry C., Oscar and Orison [twins] Mary E., Clara M., Parker S. and Fred. From Wisconsin the family moved to Boone county, Illinois and located on a small piece of land. They sold this land in 1854, and in the winter of '55, in company with William H. Linderman came

to Iowa and deeded from the government 160 acres of land lying in sections 14 and 23, Dresden township. The following spring he moved to Iowa, but stopped at West Union. Here he stayed one and one-half years then came to his land here. Times were hard and there was but little to do in the way of building. In 1858, he moved to Wadena, Fayette county, and worked at his trade until 1860, when he came to his farm and lived there until his death, the fall of 1881. His second wife died in 1873. Mary E. died in October 1870; Clara married Chris. Beaver, she died in August 1877; Parker died in West Union in 1855; Elmer lives in Fredericksburg; Henry lives at Ruthven, Iowa; Oscar and Orson live at Burlington, Washington; Fred is living somewhere in the western part of this state.

Mr. Pease married a third wife, a Mrs. Kerr, who survived him.

OSKI BURNHAM.

Oski Burnham was born in Orleans county, New York, in 1832 and spent his boyhood days in his native state. Was married in 1854 in New York to Nancy Ann Day. Came to Chickasaw county in 1855. He located on land in Dresden township, section 26—240 acres. Here he built a log house and grew up with the country. He was a hard worker and a money saver. He erected a frame house, commodious barn and beautified his grounds with groves. They had two children, Alida and

Alma. Alida married Henry Churchill; Alma is at home. Mr. Burnham died in January 1888.

JOHN DAYTON.

John Dayton was born at Westfield, Geauga county, Ohio, February 16, 1834, and was a son of John and Phebe Dayton. Young John was raised a farmer on the western reserve, a country celebrated for its dairy and stock interests. October 15, 1855, he left home, for the then far west. His object was to obtain government land. He came to Dubuque by public conveyances, then struck out on foot to Strawberry Point, and from there he went by stage to West Union. Here he met John C. Rowley, who has been mentioned before in this history as one of the early settlers of the Wapsie country. The two Johns became warm friends, and as their names were the same, Mr. Dayton was given the nickname "Buckeye," and Mr. Rowley "Cap," names which they bore for years after. At West Union they hired a horse and buggy of the well known liverymen "Jack Welch," drove to Decorah where the land office was located, procured the necessary papers for pre-empting land and returned to West Union. They then started on foot for Chickasaw county, and at Crane creek—now Alpha—they took dinner with Pioneer Potter. The dinner was eaten from off an old box which served as a table; the dinner was good though the surroundings were humble. The twenty-fifth day of November they stopped at Fredericksburg

with Fred Padden. The next day they began looking at land, and Mr. Dayton pre-empted the n. w. quarter of section 28-94-11. The land office opened up at Decorah, December 24 1855. The twenty-third "Cap." Fred Padden, Baker, "Buckeye" V. H. Kendall and Amos Haley left for that city. The office opened at 9 o'clock a. m. the 24th. The crowd was immense. They pushed and jammed each other like cattle all that day and did not leave their places during the night. After the second day the Fredericksburg crowd became disgusted and with the exception of "Buckeye" and Amos Haley, returned home. The fourth day an arrangement was made whereby twenty-five men could enter the office at one time and each would be allowed to make two entries. "Buckeye" and Haley enrolled and took their places near the office door at four o'clock on the afternoon of December 27. They stood there until nine o'clock the next morning, when they were admitted. The weather was bitter cold and the warm room seemed a very heaven to the half-frozen men. "Buckeye" entered 120 acres on section 10-94-11. Haley also entered on section 10.

Mr. Dayton said that the winter of 1855-6, he experienced good times as well as rough ones. February 1856, he assisted in getting the engine and machinery from Dubuque for Fred Padden's saw mill and helped to get out the timber for the frame. Ash Davis did the hewing. Dances were the leading features of the winter, Davis being the fiddler. February 22,

everybody had a grand time, and dancers came from far and near. "Buckeye" said that his partner for supper was a Miss Tisdale. March 26, 1856 he went back to Ohio, but returned during the summer. Times were good the fall of '56 and the mill was running. He brought back a pair of horses and went to teaming. The fall of 1857 he went to Ohio again, returning the next June. He broke land upon the R. W. Kiddar and Buel Sherman farms. April 25, 1860, he went to Pike's Peak in company with Charlie Zwick, James Potter and William Case. They had a good time crossing the plains. Returned home August 1, 1865. Soon after his return from Pike's Peak he was married to Emily E. Chandler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Chandler.

In the month of August 1862 he enlisted for the war in the 38th Iowa Vol. Infantry, Co. "C." He was with the regiment during its war service; was mustered out at Houston, Texas; discharge papers received at Davenport, Iowa. Drew a pension of \$17 per month. August 1st 1865, he returned home. The first thing he did was to haul lumber from McGregor and build a house, into which he moved April 1866, and began farming on a small scale. He was successful and his small farm grew to one of over 400 acres.

In personal appearance he was short, broad and fat. He was slightly deaf in one ear, carried his head a little one side; was naturally jovial, loved a good cigar and lots of fun.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Dayton: Elmer E., Stella M., Bert E., Willie F. and Bertha M.

Mr. Dayton died October 18, 1900, of cerebral apoplexy in the office of J. H. Powers at New Hampton, while making his will. Mrs. Dayton is still a widow; lives in Fredericksburg.

ASH DAVIS.

Ash Davis came to Fredericksburg the spring of 1855. We first hear of him as a hewer of timber for the saw mill built by Fred Padden in 1856. He was also a violinist for dances and played for all the early dances. He married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tisdale. Ash was a jolly fellow. In size about five feet eight inches high, weight 175 pounds, complexion light, eyes blue, hair brown. He loved to hunt, fish and fiddle. He also loved to get a joke on any of the boys or men, and if he succeeded he would laugh and crow over them for a month. He was a great tobacco chewer, and somehow a portion of the juice would get out of his mouth onto his whiskers and soil them, but he kept right along. When he laughed he opened a fearful hole in his face. He was a first-class sawyor and when we became acquainted with him in 1864 he was alternating between the Michigan pineries and the Iowa prairies. Wherever he went he would fiddle, and his advent into the village was the first step for a dance. He bought 80 acres of land in Dresden township, but farming was not his forte and he sold it to Ralph

Gardner and moved to Michigan. If he were here today he could tell more about the early hoe downs than any man that we know of. At the dances when they wanted a schottische he would play Foster's song, "O, Willie We Have Missed You," and if they wanted a regular breakdown he would play "The Ham Fat Pan." In memory I can see him now as he sat on the fiddlers bench with his head cocked to one side, scraping away for dear life. Long live Ash Davis.

THEODORE LYMAN KENDALL.

Theodore Lyman Kendall was born in the town of Stafford, New York, February 17, 1835, son of Orator H. and Laura (Lyman) Kendall. Received a common school education. Left New York in 1856 in the month of November, came direct to Fredericksburg. In 1863 went south; in 1864 was in the employ of the United States government in the Commissary department. Went with cattle across the plains to New Mexico. Returned to Fredericksburg in '66. Bought 160 acres of land south of town two miles, on section 24; paid \$5.00 per acre for it. Married December 23, 1869 to Phebe, daughter of Erastus and Cassie (Eggleston) Kain. Went onto the farm. Six children were born to this union: Charles A., Roy W., Bertie, Laura, Frank and Laurence Lyman, nicknamed "Tinker." Charles A. married Blanche McFall; he is in Earlville, Iowa in the drug business; has one daughter. Roy W. married Alma Pond; he

is in the drug business at Janesville, Iowa. Bertie, Laura and Frank are dead. Laurance lives with his parents.

Mr. Kendall now owns 227 acres of land with good buildings thereon; this he rents. He left the farm March 4, 1901 and bought a residence in town.

LORENZO CARTER.

Lorenzo Carter was born in Cattaraugus county, New York. Married Mary A. Older. Removed to Wisconsin while it was yet a territory. When the territory was admitted as a state and the counties named, he was in Walworth county, near where the towns of Delevan and Darien now stand. Lived there a number of years, then moved to Boone county, Illinois. Then he bought and sold farms, traded horses and jumped into almost any speculation. In 1856 or 1857 he came to Fredericksburg purchased the Fountain House of Fred Padden, also bought a tract of land in Dresden township. He run the hotel and farmed the land a little; traded horses a great deal. He was Carter rich one day and Carter poor the next. Sold his property here and moved to McGregor. Lived there one year, then went to Clermont and went into the hotel business. Four children were born to this family: James E., Retta, Ida and Wesley. Wesley lives in Palo Alto county, Iowa; James at Sioux Rapids; Retta died in Fredericksburg in 1857, buried in West

cemetery; Ida died in 1860 at Clermont, Iowa.

In 1873, Mr. Carter and wife, their two sons Wesley and James, settled near Sioux Rapids, Iowa. Mrs. Carter died at that place in 1885.

James and Wesley Carter went into the army; James in the 9th Iowa Cavalry; Wesley in the 15th Iowa Infantry in 1864.

F. WOOD BARRON.

F. Wood Barron was born in Chittendon county, Vermont, June 29, 1832. Son of Larned Barron. Came to Fredericksburg, Iowa, January 1, 1857. He engaged in the mercantile business here from 1857 to 1862. In partnership with Charles A. Linderman the years of 1858-9; with A. K. Warren during the years 1861-2. He was married in October, 1857, to Marion Lewis. Children born to this union, four—Frank, Porter, Florentine and Addie. Florentine died July 27, 1863.

Mr. Barron enlisted in August, 1862, in the 38th Iowa, Company "C." Received his commission as Lieutenant the spring of 1863. Discharged from the army January 6, 1865, at Morganzie, Louisiana.

Mr. Barron moved with his family to Nashua the spring of 1865; here his wife died March 8, 1876.

Frank Barron was married at Spirit Lake, Ia., June 22, 1896, to Kathleen Chandler, and died the fall of 1905. Porter was married at Pocahontas, Ia., February 3, 1887, to Minnie E. Thornton; he died at Pocahontas, July 9, 1890.

Addie was married at Spirit Lake, Ia., April 27, 1887, to Charles Chandler where they now reside.

F. Wood Barron married his second wife, August 23, 1876. Her name was Eliza L. Caldwell, daughter of Aaron and Emira (Dow) Caldwell. Miss Dow was a descendent of the great American preacher who was born in Connecticut in 1777, and who became noted in the United States, England and Ireland—Lorenzo Dow.

Mr. Barron left Nashua November, 1879 and located at Spirit Lake, Iowa, where he now resides. He is a man by nature highly social, a man that enjoys his friends, one of generous impulses, a good friend, neighbor and citizen. He was deputy postmaster here in 1857, under Frederick Padden.

N. D. R. COLE.

Mr. Cole came here in 1855 and settled on section 36, New Hampton township. He farmed it a little, also made brooms, and later engaged in the photograph business. Claimed to have made the first brooms in this county. In '68 he sold his place to Dr. E. N. Olmstead and moved to Michigan. After a few years there he removed to Arkansas. Have been informed that he died in Arkansas.

RUSSELL W. KIDDER.

Russell W. Kidder was born in Vermont, in 1833; the second son of George F. and Clarissa

Kidder. When five years old he was brought by his parents to Cook county, Illinois, where he remained twenty years, then coming to Iowa, Fredericksburg township. In 1860 he was married to Hannah Marsh, daughter of Samuel and Julia A. Marsh. In 1862 he enlisted in the 38th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Company "C." and was discharged at Houston, Texas, in 1865. He returned to Fredericksburg township and went to farming, and at one time owned 240 acres of land. Nine children were born to these parents, five of whom are living. The living are Edwin G., Alice, Samuel, Kitty J., and Ralph. The dead were Georgia, Charles, Harry and Willis E.; they all died under two years of age and are buried at Maple Grove cemetery. Mr. Kidder sold his farm and moved to Park City, Utah, where on June 29, 1895, he came to his death by accident, falling from a wall in front of his home, breaking his neck. His body arrived here July 4th, and the services were held in Padden's grove July 5th, the platform and seats being used that were erected for the exercises of the fourth. He was buried by his children in Maple Grove cemetery. After his death, his widow moved to Salt Lake City, where she died September 12, 1901. She was brought back here and buried by the side of her husband and children.

Edwin is married and lives in Salt Lake City. Alice married Jas. Cullings, they live at Wahoo, Nebraska. Kittie is married and lives at Park City, Utah. Samuel and Ralph are single and also live at Park City.

JOSEPH B. BISHOP.

Joseph B. Bishop was born in the state of New York, in 1822. He was married to Mary E. Hoyt and moved to Ogle county, Illinois. He remained there eighteen months, and then came to Fredericksburg, March 15, 1856. He took up a farm one mile east of town. He died December 13, 1879. Mrs. Bishop is still living and is on the original farm, and is a grand good woman. They had six children; Anna, George, Rebecca, William, Herbert and Helen. George now lives upon a part of the old farm. He was married to Augusta A. Linn in 1867; she died October 22, 1869. He was re-married December 20, 1870, to Miss Helen Eastman. They have one daughter, Mrs. A. E. Colt.

Anna Bishop taught the first term of school in Fredericksburg; also the first one in Dresden township, which was the Scisson school. She died September 23, 1860.

Rebecca lives in Wisconsin; her name is Gilbert.

Helen, William and Herbert are living here; all are married.

JOSEPH BISHOP.

Joseph Bishop was born in the state of Connecticut, of New England stock; was a soldier in the war of 1812; came to Fredericksburg with his son, Joseph B. Bishop, in 1856, and died April 1865, at the age of 75 years.

JOHN S. QUACKENBUSH.

In the month of July, 1856, John S. Quack-

enbush and family came to Chickasaw county, and located on the northeast quarter of section 18-94-11, a fine tract of prairie and timber land. Here he lived until his death, the summer of 1864. He was a Justice of the Peace, and also taught school one term in the summer of 1858. Alfred, his son, left here and was in Dubuque for some time, beyond there we lost track of him. The last we knew of Mrs. Quackenbush and daughter Louisa they were living in Chicago, Illinois.

GEORGE W. ADAMS.

George W. Adams came from the state of Illinois to this township in 1857. We think he was in the old Fountain Hotel that year with Lorenzo Carter. The next season he bought a farm one mile north of town. He made his home on this farm until 1868 or 1869, when he sold it to Thomas Malloy and moved into Bremer county. His wife died suddenly of heart disease January 6, 1873, at the home of Mr. and James Linderman where they were visiting. He sold his place in Bremer county, bought a farm in Dresden township, where he moved, and shortly after married Mrs. Lillibridge of Williamstown. He died June 12, 1880; was buried by the side of his first wife in the west cemetery. By his first wife he had five children: William, David, Julia, Martha and Elizabeth. William lives in town; David in Dickenson county; Julia is the wife of J. L. Merriott, they live at Swan Lake; Martha is the wife of Otis Legg and lives in Richland township, this

county; Elizabeth married William R. Tully; she died March 5, 1871; was buried in west cemetery.

HIRAM BENEDICT.

Hiram Benedict was born in the state of New York, March 24, 1808; married in 1833 to Sally White, also a native of New York, who was born in December 1809. Five children were born to them: Robert Bruce, Myron Rilly, David Lewis, Joseph Hiram and George Marshall. Robert Bruce died in infancy. In 1856, Hiram Benedict and family came to Fredericksburg township, locating on section 17, northeast quarter. When the war broke out David L. enlisted August '61 in the 9th Iowa Infantry, company "F." Followed the fortunes of the company until February 22, '63, when he died at Young's Point, opposite Vicksburg.

Mrs. Benedict died August 7, '67. July 16, '68, Mr. Benedict married Mary A. Dows at West Union. After a few years on the farm, he sold it and built in town where he lived until April 3, '97, when he died at the age of 89 years. The second wife died December 12, '99 at the home of J. W. Hubbard.

JOHN J. EYGABROAD.

John J. Eygabroad was born in the state of New York, Mrs. Eygabroad in Germany. Her maiden name was Catherine Worth. She came to this country with her parents when she was

sixteen years old. She was married to John J. Eygabroad in the state of New York. They removed to Illinois where their first child was born, a son, Joseph by name. From Illinois they came in the year 1860 to Fredericksburg township. They located on section 20 where he opened a fine farm. Seven boys and two girls were born to these parents. Joseph, Robert, Charles, Alanson, George, John I., William, Anna M. and Kate. Anna M. died September 28, 1870 aged four months and fourteen days. The rest of the children lived to manhood and womanhood. Joseph owns a farm in section 20 and is well off. He married a Ludwig. Robert lives on section 20, has a small farm which he works himself. He married a Miss Beal of Waukon. Charles lives in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He has proved himself a hustler since going to that state. He has been in the state legislature, has served as county Auditor, and is now a real estate dealer. We do not know whom he married. Alanson married Clara Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Parks, they reside in Brown county, South Dakota. John I. married Ida Bee; he had part of the home farm; this he sold and went to South Dakota where he bought a large farm; it is near Gary, just across the state line from Minnesota. George went to Dakota, remained there awhile, came back and married a girl by the name of Bloxham, bought 80 acres of land in this township on section 17, sold this land and removed to Grundy county where he now lives. William married a daughter of Frank

and Eliza Gitsch of this township; he owned an eighty on section 20 which he sold; he now lives in Fredericksburg; is rural mail carrier on Route 1. Kate married Frank Gitsch, Jr. they own a good farm in this township.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Eygabroad were excellent people. Mrs. Eygabroad is one of the good mothers and a good neighbor; she lives with her son John L., in Dakota. Mr. Eygabroad died July 23, '96, at the age of 71 years, 11 months and six days. Burial at Rose Hill.

DARIUS B. HANAN.

Darius B. Hanan was born in Ohio. From there he emigrated to Wisconsin in 1850. His next move was to Iowa, locating in West Union, Fayette county. In 1857 he married Caroline Hale of West Union. He located in Fredericksburg immediately after his marriage. We first met him here in June 1857. In 1862 he lived in the house where Sam Wesp lives today. He was called at that time a lawyer, and he had also been a Justice of the Peace. He was the first and only attorney the town of Fredericksburg has ever had. He was a devoted democrat and during the war he was much in evidence in county politics. In 1869 he ran for representative for the 57th district on the democratic ticket. He was beaten by G. W. Butterfield, republican. In 1871 he came up again for the same office and won it from the same Mr. Butterfield. Mr. Hanan received 889 votes. He was taken sick and did not go to

Des Moines that term. In 1873 he was on hand again. His competitors were F. D. Bosworth and William Tucker. Mr. Hanan was elected. He received 894 votes, F. D. Bosworth 641 and William Tucker 296. In 1874 he moved to New Hampton and went into law practice with H. H. Potter. He continued in the law practice until poor health drove him from the field. He died in New Hampton. Mr. Hanan was very fond of a good road horse and bred several Bashaw horses, but among all his horses he seemed to think the most of "Lady Clay." Two children were born to this union, Ada and Alice. Ada married John Burgitt of New Hampton. She died at Humboldt Iowa. Alice married Lee Miller of New Hampton. She died there. Mrs Hanan remains a widow. She lives at New Hampton. Husband and children gone she is a very lone woman, and today she lives very much in the past.

DAVID DORN.

David Dorn was born in Courtland county, N. Y., March 6, 1826. Came with parents to Ashtabula county, Ohio, in 1836. Married to Susan Robinson of Clark's Corners September 13, 1849. Removed to Rutland, Dane county, Wisconsin, the same fall. Remained in Rutland seven years in the mercantile business. Came to Fredericksburg May, 1857. In the fall of '58 went into the Julien house, kept it eight months. At this date Ingalls, Dorn and French purchased the entire town plat except

lots that were sold. Sold some of these lots, the balance went for taxes. Mr. Dorn purchased the 80 acres where C. L. Whitcomb now lives, on the northeast quarter of section 16, and broke it up. Left Fredericksburg March 18, 1867, went to Conover and remained there two years in the livery business, then moved to Ridgeway, Winneshiek county, where he engaged in the stock, grain and farming business. Seven children were born to these parents, Herbert, '51; Byron, '52; Florence, '54; Lillie, '57; Lida, '60, died in '62; Abner, '67, at Conover; Mabel, July 5, '74, at Ridgeway. Mrs. Robinson, mother of Mrs. Dorn, came here with them and died November 11, '62. Their son Herbert is married and lives at Ridgeway. Byron lives in Washington state. Florence married Rev. T. E. Flemming of the M. E. church, September 16, 1875. Lillie is married. Abner is married and lives in Nebraska. Mabel is married. Mr. Dorn died in 1901 at Ridgeway. Mrs. Dorn died at Ridgeway.

NATHANIEL JOSLIN.

Nathaniel Joslin came here with his daughter, Mrs. H. S. L. Chandler. He died March 26, 1864, aged 78. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. He is buried in the west cemetery, and every May 30th., his grave is strewn with flowers.

GILBERT PAGE.

Gilbert Page, son of Joseph and Polly Page,

was born in Connecticut, in October 1799. Married in 1827 to Lydia Gillett. Came to Iowa in the fall of 1857, located in Fredericksburg township on section 4. Five children were born to this union. Celia, Cordelia, Polly, Arthur, and Judson A. Celia married Buel Sherman, Cordelia married R. H. Alcott, and live in New York State. Polly married Benj. Alcott. Arthur married Laura Yager, they live in Charles City. Judson A. died in Columbus, Chenango county, New York. Gilbert Page died March 9th, '81. Mrs. Page was ninety years old at the time of her death, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Buel Sherman.

FRANK F. STILL.

Frank F. Still was born in 1823 in Monroe county, New York. Married in Boone county, Illinois, to Ann F. Langdon, daughter of Martin and Pheobe Langdon, July 11, 1863. Came to Iowa in April 1857, locating on a farm three miles west of Fredericksburg. In 1862 in response to a call for more troops by President Lincoln, F. F. Still enlisted for the war, went with the 38th Iowa Infantry, Company "C." mustered into the United States service Nov. 4, 1862, at Dubuque. The fortunes of the regiment were his up to July 17, '63, when he died at Vicksburg, Miss. After her husband's death Mrs. Still moved to Fredericksburg with her family, where she resided until April 1, 1866, when she was united in marriage to J. F. Callender, of Bradford township. He died March 4, 1844. After his death she made her home

with her children. She was the mother of six children, four of whom are living—C. D. Still and Mrs. Lydia P. Drake, Sanborn, Iowa; J. M. Callender, Laporte, Ind.; Mrs. Ann L. White, Bathgate, North Dakota. Mrs. Ann F. Callender died at Bathgate, North Dakota, November 26, 1905. She was brought here for burial in the west cemetery.

DR. S. S. TROY.

Dr. Troy was born in Greenville, Penn., June 24, 1832, son of H. W. and Elizabeth (Hendrickson) Troy. Was married February 2, 1858 to Emma C. Baldwin. Came to Fredericksburg in December 1858. Profession, physician and surgeon. First child, a son, born at Fredericksburg, January 8, 1859, name Horace W. Linna, daughter born at Chickasaw, Nov. 30, '61; Willis B. at Bradford, July 8, '65; Kittie B. at Nashua, Feb. 12, '69. Horace W. is pastor of the M. E. Church at Mt. Vernon, Iowa; he was married October 17, 1882 to May R. Hurlbert, they have three children. Linna is single, lives at home. Willis B. lives in New York City, is married, has two children. Kittie was married June 17, 1891, at Nashua to H. C. Wilbur, they reside in Waterloo, have two children.

MYRON RILEY BENEDICT.

Myron Riley Benedict came with his parents from New York state to Iowa in 1856; lived on the farm until the war broke out when he en-

listed in Company "F." 9th Iowa Infantry. After the war he came home and in March '68 he was married to Caroline Terrell in the state of Wisconsin. He worked his father's farm one year then located on a quarter in Section 3. Here was born to them two children, Wallace and Cora Belle. Cora Belle died July 27, 1880 of diphtheria. Wallace grew to manhood, married Lura Grover. Mrs. Benedict died November 1891, and March 14, 1895 he married Mrs. Julia E. Warner of Nashua, Iowa. Left the farm May 1896 and moved into town where he now lives.

EBENEZER CULLINGS.

Ebenezer Cullings was born in Duansburg, Schnectady county, New York, May 23, 1832, of Highland Scotch parents, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Buchanan) Cullings. Lived at home until he was nineteen years old and then went to Michigan where he remained three and one-half years. Then went back to the old homestead for the winter. He then took another journey west, stopping at McHenry county, Illinois. After another short visit east he was married in Woodstock, Ill., to Caroline P. Milks. The day of their marriage he bought a ticket to Dunleith (now known as East Dubuque.) They crossed the Mississippi river in a sleigh on the ice. Stopped at the Key City House, George Manchester clerk and runner for the house. Bought tickets to West Union by stage. Upon arriving there, hired a livery

to Fredericksburg. Stopped with Fred Padden until the next day when they went out to his land in Stapleton township, sections 19 and 30. Lived on the farm until 1898, when he bought in town where he moved. Mr. Cullings tells us that he attended an election in the fall of 1856 held in the shop of N. D. Cole, a farmer on section 36-95, now New Hampton township. Fred Padden ran for county sheriff. He says Fred Padden came with a load of men and among them was W. L. Adams of this place, and as far as he knows he is the only man living beside himself that came in that load. Five children have graced this union, three girls and two boys, James E., Elizabeth A., Della M., Clara F., and Fritz. James E. married Alice Kidder, daughter of R. W. and Hannah (Marsh) Kidder; he lives at Wahoo, Nebraska. Elizabeth A., died in Denver, Colorado. Della M. lives with her parents. Clara F. is married to I. S. Duncan, of Riceville, Iowa, station agent for the Chicago Great Western. Fritz is on the home farm. Mr. Cullings says, "The first fall I was here one day coming to town I saw a man walking with a grey hound at his heels, and it proved to be George R. Manchester, of the Key City."

W. D. PURDY.

W. D. Purdy was born in Sumner township, Bremer county, Iowa, in the year 1858. Was married in 1881 to Miss Anna Knight. Five children were born to these parents: Lyda,

Edith, Allan, Roy and Ruth [twins.] Lyda is a stenographer, lives in Chicago; Edith is a school teacher; Allan assists his father on the farm.

Mr. Purdy has been a farmer all these years. He owns a fine farm in this township. He is very popular with the people, especially so with the farming community. At the present writing he holds the position of treasurer of the Fredericksburg Butter Factory, a position of great trust, as nearly one hundred thousand dollars passes through his hands yearly. He is also Secretary of the Farmers Produce Association. He is a man of not many words but one who does a lot of excellent thinking.

GEORGE C. BISHOP.

George C. Bishop, son of Joseph and Mary [Hoyt] Bishop, came to Iowa with his parents in 1856, to Fredericksburg township. He received such schooling as the schools of that day afforded. In the year 1867 he married Augusta A. Linn of Bremer county, who died October 22, 1869. December 20, 1870, he married his second wife, Miss Helen Eastman of Freeport, Illinois. This union was blessed with one child, named Anna, now the wife of Arel Colt. Mr. Bishop owns a farm of 160 acres on section 28 and also 80 acres on section 17 where they reside. He has good buildings.

WILLIAM BISHOP.

William Bishop, second son of Joseph and

Mary (Hoyt) Bishop came here with his parents, a little three year old. Here he has lived ever since. He married for his first wife Flora Tillotson. This union was severed in a few short years by death. One daughter the fruit of this marriage remains, Maude is her name; she is the wife of Elam Benner. Mr. Bishop married for his second wife, Miss Mina Benner, an English lady, daughter of the late George Benner, who died April 3, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop live on their farm one-half mile east of Fredericksburg. They have eighty acres of land, good house and barns, are nicely situated.

JOSEPH BENEDICT.

Joseph Benedict was born in the state of New York in 1840. He was the fourth son of Hiram and Sallie Benedict. When about fifteen years old he came with his parents to Fredericksburg township. He was married in 1868 to Elinor Lyman, also a native of New York. He first opened a farm three miles east from town; he sold this farm to Mr. O'Brien and went two miles further east. Here he began a new farm of 240 acres upon which he built one of the best farm houses then in the township; also excellent, roomy barns. He put out ornamental shrubbery in front of his house in a very artistic manner. He also had a fine orchard of apple trees. He sold this farm to a German—Mr. Niewohner, and moved into town. Four children were born to this union:

Winifred W., William H., Lyman died in August, 1870, at the age of four months, and an infant died May 24, 1871. Mr. Benedict died September 17, 1896.

PATRICK HARVEY.

Patrick Harvey, son of Patrick and Mary Harvey, was born in Ireland in 1832. At the age of sixteen he came to America, his first stop being in Westchester county, New York, where he learned the hatters trade. He remained there eight years, and in 1858 was married to Mary Lacy, a native of Ireland. The same year he removed to Bremer county, Iowa where he lived until 1872, when he located in Fredericksburg township, Chickasaw county, where he now lives. He owns 500 acres of land. They have nine children:—John, Patrick, Catherine, Mary, Joseph, Benedict, Rosana and William.

Mr. Harvey has been a prominent man in the church and in township responsibilities, having served as township trustee and school treasurer.

LEONARD NOURSE.

Leonard Nourse, son of Timothy and Lucretia Nourse, was born in Clarendon, Vermont, January 2, 1832. The years of his minority he spent in the east. At the age of twenty-three he left New England and arrived in the state of Wisconsin in 1855. Here, January 1, 1857,

he married Miss M. E. Smith, and the 3d day of May, the same year, they came to Fredericksburg. Here, like the rest of the early settlers, he had to scratch, and that right down hard to make a living. He has been very successful, and now owns a fine farm of 390 acres beautifully located. They have one son, D. B. Nourse, who is married and lives on the farm. Mr. L. Nourse has been prominent in town and county work, and has held the position of county supervisor for one or two terms.

EDMOND ELLIOTT.

Edmond Elliott was born in Buckinghamshire, England, in 1819, and came to America, September 25, 1853. He was married to Margaret Balsam in 1856. He was an engineer on the Grand Trunk Railway, also on the Alton and Illinois. He came to Fredericksburg township, July 8, 1859, and purchased land on sections 9 and 10.

Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, six of whom are dead. Those living are William, James, Cap, Annie, May and Martha. They are all married.

Mr. Elliott sold his farm in 1895 and bought property in town where he now resides.

CHARLES WILCOX.

Charles Wilcox, son of John Wilcox, was born in Rhode Island in 1818, and lived in that state until he was eighteen years old, then went

to Pennsylvania. He was married in the state of New York to Susan White. He came with his family to Fredericksburg in 1858. Located on section 29-94-12 -eighty acres, where he lived until his death, July 12, 1887. Mrs. Wilcox was born in Union Village, New York, was the daughter of John and Deborah White. She died November 10, 1855. Six children were born to this union, all of whom are dead but Ida, who is the wife of Herbert Bishop. Mr. Wilcox had one daughter by a former wife, who was Mrs. George Greiner. She died Omaha in 1881.

GEORGE GREINER.

George Greiner was born in Pennsylvania; married there to a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox. Came here in 1858 and located on section 19-94-11. They had three children: William, George and Hattie. The first one has been reported dead; George lives in Pennsylvania; Hattie died there. George Griener, Sr., after his wife's death went to Pennsylvania, remarried and still lives there. His first wife died in Omaha in May 1881, as they were on their way here from Kansas. She was brought here for burial.

AMBROSE LEGG.

Among the early settlers was the Ambrose Legg family. The father went into the war with the sixth Iowa Cavalry, Company "L."

He returned and went to live with his son William, at Clermont, Iowa, where he died. Thomas lived on the farm now owned by J. D. Milne. He was in the army in Company "B," Fourth Cavalry, and now lives at Portage, Wisconsin. Samuel M., was in the Fourth Cavalry, Company "H.;" he died at Keokuk, Iowa. Otis was in the Second Iowa Cavalry; he lives in Richland township. William Legg lives at Clermont, Iowa.

GEORGE BARKER.

George Barker was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1820, and grew to manhood there; was married there in the year 1848, to Miss Isabella Swale; came to America in 1853; farmed for four years in Cook county, Illinois, then came to Iowa in 1857. He located on the southeast quarter of section 36-94-12, Dresden township, which he had purchased from the government some time before; to this piece of land he added as the years went by, until he was the owner of 1000 acres. Mr. Barker was a thorough farmer, one that could make money fast; he was a man of excellent judgment, one that made few mistakes. He kept from 60 to 100 head of cattle, and they of a high grade; was a great man for raising large numbers of hogs, also good horses. He was rough in speech, brusque in his ways, but withal had a warm heart in him and was liberal to a friend. Four children were born to this union:—Samuel, James, Edward and Isabella. Samuel married Miss

Carrie Knight; he is a rich farmer and lives in Dresden township. James married an English girl, Kate Dawson, went onto a farm but only lived a few years. Edward married Miss Anna Hunt, by whom he had two children—a girl and a boy; he was divorced from her and again married to a daughter of Charlie Countryman; he has the farm where his father lived; he is worth a good snug sum of money. Isabella married Herbert Hunt in 1885; they live in Bremer county, section 6-93-11; he also is one of the farmers that are well off.

Mrs George Barker was one grand good woman. Both have finished their life work. Mrs. Barker died April 20, 1885; Mr. Barker died July 26, 1881, by his own hand—suicide.

JOHN SWALE.

John Swale was born in Yorkshire, England. He came here about the time that George Barker came—he was a brother-in-law. He located on the land adjoining Mr. Barker, only being separated by the county line between Chickasaw and Bremer. He was a hard worker, owned a good farm and stock upon it. Five children graced this union: Charles, Matilda, Mary, Thomas and Fred. Charles lives in Kansas; Matilda married Stewart Daily, live in Indian Territory; Thomas lives in California; Fred married Miss Adell Farnum, daughter of William and Laura Farnum.

John Swale's first wife died January 13, 1871, married second time Mrs. Julia Morse of Sand

Springs. Mr. Swale died January, 1890.

JOSEPH LEACH.

Joseph Leach, an old resident, was born in England. I cannot give the date of his coming to America. He was married in the state of Missouri, to Martha Harrison. Came from that state here in 1854 or 1855. Settled in Bremer county, on the county line between Chickasaw and Bremer. He has been a successful man in the way of accumulating property. In the hardest times he always had money for all his wants and to loan. His land interests have been large, and to-day he holds deeds for 1200 acres of land in his own right. Mrs. Leach, deceased. The children are Lee Walter, Mary, John, Frank, James, Annabelle and Robert. Lee Walter married Irene Sponible, lives in Dresden township. Mary married Cordine Russell, lives in Fredericksburg township. John William—called Jack, married Lelia Miller of Waverly, lives with his father. Frank married Adella Ackley, lives in Dresden township. James married a daughter of Charles and Kate Heinboldt, lives in Dresden township. Annabell married Sam Dawson, lives in Fredericksburg township. Robert married Althea Miller, of Waverly; he lives near the home farm. Joseph Leach is still a widower.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY.

Richard Montgomery came in 1855 and lived

in a tent the first summer, on the farm since known as the Zoller place in New Hampton township. He built a log house which still stands there. He was from Ohio. They had two children, David and Polly. Two children died here; they were buried on the farm. There are a few graves there beside these.

JESSE WEIKLE.

Jesse Weikle came here in 1855. He settled on section one, Dresden township. He made butter tubs for a living. He went to the war. He was in the second Iowa cavalry, Company "I." His daughter Rachael married Doc Brown, they live in Michigan. After the war, with his family he moved to Michigan.

HOWARD WEIKLE.

Howard Weikle went to the war in the Second Iowa Cavalry, Company "I." He went with the rest of the Weikles.

GEORGE WEIKLE.

George Weikle came in 1855. He pitched his tent on land one mile north of town and lived on it all summer. He is said to have built a log house near the William Case place, but I cannot remember it being there. He moved to Michigan.

CHARLES ZWICK.

Charles Zwick was another of the boys that

figured largely here in an early day. He is said to have been the first one to be married in the town. He left the town during the war. Do not know where he went. He lived on the hill near where Mikes Bros. have their slaughter house. The house that he built stood on the top of the rise of ground north of the Duenow and Riley Benedict place. It was long known as the "Zwick place." It toppled over and partially fell into the cellar. It is now removed and many of the beautiful oak trees around the lot are also gone.

GEORGE FOUNTAIN.

George Fountain lived here a short time. He gave the name to the "Fountain House." He moved to Nashua; was in business with F. W. Barron. He died in South Dakota.

TIMOTHY S. FLOWERS.

One of the old families in town was that of Timothy S. Flowers. He came here in 1857. He died here. His widow died a number of years later at McGregor, Iowa. The children are scattered. "Gibby," as we called him, lives near McGregor. Lottie married Thomas Legg. Della is dead. Emma married Earnest Johnson. There was a son some where in Colorado we think; he left here in an early day.

S. G. MERRIAM.

S. G. Merriam came here in 1858 or 1859.

He sold goods here for nearly two years. He was from Vermont; his wife's people lived there. He was County Judge the year 1864 and into the year 1865. In October of that year a resolution was brought before the board of county supervisors and by them passed appointing as judge, G. A. Hamilton, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal from the county of S. G. Merriam. He went with his family to Nebraska. Lived near Lincoln at a place called Seward. We heard a few years ago that he had moved to Lincoln. He had a son by his first wife that came here occasionally. A few years since he lived in Charles City. Mr. Merriam was a singer and we believe to some extent a music teacher. His wife was a very pleasant woman and had a good soprano voice. If I remember rightly they had two children, a boy and a girl. Their stay in our town was not long enough to hardly entitle them to rank with the early settlers.

GEORGE R. MANCHESTER.

George R. Manchester was born in the state of New York. Spent the years of his minority there. As early as 1855 he came to Dubuque; was in the employ of the Key City House for two or three years. In 1856 or 1857 he came to this town. He married Roxy Ann Robinson, of Fredericksburg. He worked at farming until 1864 when he was drafted into the army. Came out in 1865. He then went to work for Nichols & Cotter driving stage from Fredericks-

burg to Nashua. He also worked for John Dixon in the Dixon house in Nashua, and for the same Dixon in New Hampton. Five children were born to this union, Carrie, who is the wife of Henry Buckley of Esbon, Kansas; two children died in infancy; William, who everybody here knows as Will Manchester, is married and lives in Oklahoma; also Fred, the youngest, is in Oklahoma. Mrs. George Manchester died here March 28, 1897. George went to Oklahoma to live with his son, where he died in 1899. Mr. Manchester drew a pension from the United States Government. He was a great story teller, and many of his sayings were very pleasing. There will never be another like him in this town, and I doubt if there will be in any other town.

MARTIN HINCHEY.

Martin Hinchey and wife came to Fredericksburg about the year 1858. The house in which they lived stood south of where the Baptist church and parsonage now stands. Mr. Hinchey was a quiet man, and one of not much personal independence or grit. His wife domineered him to suit herself. She was a thoroughly bad woman at heart and in morals. She did not stick at anything she might do to gain her ends. By her blandishments she wheedled old Ned Kelty out of eighty acres of land and got a deed of it. She ruined him financially. One day Mr. Hinchey came home and found his wife sitting on Mr. Ned Kelty's lap. After the pass-

ing of a few words the scrap began. Mrs. Hinchey closed the doors and went on with her work leaving the men to fight it out. When the round was ended and each had a black eye and the nose bleed, she ordered them to pull off their shirts that she might wash them. They did so and there the matter ended. Mr. Hinchey went into the service of the U. S. government, enlisting in the 6th Cavalry, Company "C." Iowa Volunteers. He was discharged in 1865. He died here and is buried in the West cemetery. To show the character of this woman the following incident will be a fair exhibit:—One morning in the month of June Mr. C. M. Stone, constable, came along the street, warning every man to assist him to arrest Mrs. Hinchey for the misdemeanor of selling liquor to men at her house. Fully as many as six or eight men went with him. As we neared the house we could hear the fussing around as though she was secreting something. Mr. Stone went to the door and demanded an entrance. Not a word was heard from the inside. He told her if she did not open the door he would break it down. Still no answer. He was barefoot, had on a pair of blue overalls, a hickory shirt, and weighed about 175 pounds. He stepped back one step and with his foot knocked that door clear from its hinges. As the door fell inwards she sprang upon it with a hatchet in her hand. She struck at him with it, but he caught the handle and wrenched it from her. Like an enraged lioness she flew at him with her hands scratching him in the face. He called out,

"Rush in men! rush in!" Whether the men enjoyed the fight or not we cannot say, but they were slow about rushing in. Finally they caught her by her wrists and held her. She then began kicking them but they held on. In every room Mr. Stone found whiskey. In kegs and jugs, and a barrel half full covered with a quilt. In her bed she had several hundred dollars in currency. She was afraid that Mr. Stone would get that too, and as he turned the bed clothes to take out a five gallon keg of whiskey, she tore loose from the men and grabbed an axe that stood at the head of the bed and aimed a blow at his head, which if it had not been intercepted would have killed him instantly. This incident will give an idea of the make up of this woman. She finally moved to Waverly, Bremer county, and there kept a drinking place where she and her son Johnny carried on a system of drugging and robbing men. For robbing a man of a gold watch and some money they were both arrested, and Johnny had to serve a term in the penitentiary. The last we heard about her she was out near Sioux City.

REV. L. R. LOCKWOOD.

When we came here we met on the street a man dressed in the best of broadcloth and wearing a silk hat. Such a turnout seemed out of place among a people, who, as a rule, were poorly dressed, so much so that at once we inquired who he was. We were told that he was a missionary sent here by an eastern

church to care for a small band of Presbyterians in this vicinity. His name was L. R. Lockwood. He was a man of spare build, about five feet eight inches in height, complexion dark, hair black, eyes black with a peculiar snap or twitch to them, denoting a high nervous temperament. We had not been here long before there began to be trouble at the Lockwood home, and for some reason the eastern remittances came to a stop. Rev. Lockwood was not doing missionary work as he ought, he was drinking too much alcohol under the guise of medicine. Then began the struggle of his life—first for subsistence and secondly his fight with the Synod for reinstatement. He sold everything he could spare from his household furniture, then cloth that had been sent to him for clothes, and also his wife's clothing. He had his third wife and they quarreled incessantly. Step by step they went down the grade until they became objects of charity. They moved from the village into a log house northwest of town where Mrs. Lockwood died. She is buried on one of the lots owned by Mr. Wyant, on the place west of the old Logan House, or the old Rowly home; her resting place is unmarked. Mr. Lockwood had three wives; how many children by them and where they are today, God only knows. Rev. Lockwood went into Bremer county near Waverly. His children he gave away, but one boy he would steal away from his home and we think he finally kept him with him. To the last day he fought the "Synod." He was a man of ability, a college

graduate and had been in charge of excellent churches before coming here. Drink ruined him. He contracted for a few acres of land near Waverly where he lived alone the most of the time. One day he went to town and when night came he did not go back to his home but stopped at the Fortner House. The next morning he was found dead in his bed. A sad end for a once brilliant man.

J. L. MERRIOTT.

J. L. Merriott was one of the early comers here. He married Julia Adams, daughter of George W. and Anna Adams. He lived in Dresden township for several years, also lived at Fredericksburg. He now lives at Gruver, Iowa. They had three children: George, James and a daughter.

ALANSON POTTER.

Alanson Potter was born in Connecticut. He was married in Vermont to Sulphina Evarts. Came to Iowa 1855 locating on section 24 Dresden township. Bought a farm of his son-in-law, John Hadley, 80 acres. Seven children were born to this union. Minervia E., Ira, Henry, Marie, Emeline, Orville and Carlton. Minervia married Godfrey Vail. Ira is dead. Henry is a widower and lives in California. Marie married John Hadley, she is dead. Emeline is the wife of John Russell a resident of this town. Orville lived on the old farm, died March 1902.

Carlton is in California. Alanson Potter died June 25th 1864 and his wife Oct. 1, 1874.

WILLIAM MARCH.

William March was born in Ohio. He married Lottie Potter. The first five years of their married life they lived in Ohio; they then removed to Kansas. From there they came back her locating in Dresden township. Sold his farm and went to Cedar Falls where he lived two years or more. He lives here at this writing. Four children graced this union: Pearl, Pansy, Ethel and Earl. Pearl is the wife of John Paddeu; Pansy married at Cedar Falls; Ethel is single; Earl is married and carries on a barber shop in Fredericksburg.

ASHAEL KINNIE WARREN.

Ashael Kinnie Warren, son of Seth and Philinda Warren, was born at Sackett's Harbor, Jefferson county, New York, April 6, 1811. The major portion of his years of minority were spent in his native state. He received a common school education. June 13, 1833, at Springfield, Pennsylvania, he was married to Ann Eliza Robinson, who was born at South Hero, Grand Isle county, state of Vermont, January 13, 1813. Miss Robinson was of Puritan stock, her ancestors being passengers on the Mayflower. Soon after marriage Mr. Warren went into the mercantile trade at Clark's Corners, Ohio. Here he continued until 1852

when he sold his business and removed with his family to Rutland, Dane County, Wisconsin, where he remained nearly one year. He then went into business again at Union, Rock county, where he remained until the fall of 1859, when he returned to Ohio, or rather just over the state line into Pennsylvania. The fall of 1860 he sold his land and came through to Wisconsin, and then onward to Iowa, getting into Fredericksburg in November. Before leaving Pennsylvania he had traded for property here, the old Fountain house, some lots, and also land on the prairie east, near Tom Staples. The summer 1861 he traded for the mercantile stock owned by Elisha Smith, and again was a merchant. Here he worked until his death, June 21, 1863. He was the soul of honor in all of his business relations. He was rough in speech at times, but he was generous. He was a lover of music and in his young days quite a singer. His children inherited from him this love of music and with the exception of Wallace and Mortimer, are all singers, and their children also. Thirteen children graced this union, beginning with Thadeus B., born June 21, 1834, and ending with Flora Evangeline, May 27, 1858. Their names and place of birth are here enumerated: Thadeus B. and Ann Eliza Born in Ohio; John Wallace, Helen C., Abner K., Nancy M., Mortimer W., Mary Annette, Kate Maria, in Ohio; baby girl not named, Rutland, Wisconsin; Frank and brother [twins] born at Union, Wisconsin, February 5, 1866, the brother died March 5, unnamed;

Flora Evangeline, Union, Wisconsin. Thadeous died October 3, 1835. Ann Eliza married W. S. Pitts at Union, Wisconsin, December, 1858. She died August 12, 1886 at Fredericksburg. John Wallace was a Union Soldier; was shot and died at Paris, Tennessee, March 17, 1862. Helen C. married V. H. Kendall, April 21, 1861; she died November 18, 1871. Abner K. died at Du Vall's Bluff, Arkansas, November 17, 1864. Nancy M. married Robert Padden, June 26, 1873. She died at Oakdale, Neb., January 28, 1889. Her son Paul, to whom she gave birth a few days prior to her death, is now a famous boy singer at Kansas City. Mortimer married Ida Teape of Horton, Iowa, November 6, 1869; he lives in Fredericksburg. He was postmaster here for eight years under Cleveland. Mary Annette married William H. Grems September 9, 1869. Kate Marie married Christopher T. Haskett March 7, 1877. Frank Leslie married Ida L. Mabie, November 26, 1874. Flora Evangeline married William H. Bates, March 13, 1878. They live in California. Mrs. Eliza Ann Warren, widow of A. K. Warren, was a woman of heroic mould, a woman of the true New England type. Her whole life was an honor to her forebears. She survived her husband thirty-three years, dying at Fredericksburg March 6, 1896, at the age of eighty-three years.

RALPH B. GARDNER.

Ralph B. Gardner was born in Stenben Co.,

Pennsylvania, in 1836. In boyhood removed to Manchester, Boone county, Illinois. In 1855 went to Wisconsin, in 1856 came to Iowa, bought land in 1858. In August 1862 he enlisted into the 38th Iowa Volunteer infantry, was afterwards transferred into the ninth Iowa, served with that regiment until July 28, 1864, when he re-enlisted with the same regiment at Woodville, Ala. mustered out at the close of the war at Louisville, Kentucky, discharged at Davenport in the fall of 1865, when he returned home.

Mr. Gardner was married in 1857, to Miss Elizabeth Tisdale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tisdale. Eight children were born to this union: Ida, Austin, Emeline, Nettie, Riley, May, Kate and Clifton. Mr. Gardner proved himself a good financier, owned a large farm with good buildings, fine stock of cattle. Sold the farm at a good figure. Lived in Fredericksburg a few years, was a member of the city council. The fall of 1901 he moved to Great Bend, Kansas.

JONATHAN JONES.

Jonathan Jones was born in Benson, Vermont in 1812. Son of Asel and Elvira Jones. When an infant he was brought by his parents to Pennsylvania. Five years later they moved to Cayuga county, N. Y. Here he spent his boyhood days. Here he was married to Sally Reed in 1833. He came to Chickasaw county in 1855 settled on the south west quarter of section 16 Dresden township. Ten children were born to

these parents; Albert, George C., Harriet, Polly Ann, John, Sarah, Alice, Rachael, Tilden and a baby that died unnamed. Albert, Polly, Sarah, Alice, Rachael and Tilden live in California. George lives in Fredericksburg, Harriet in Oregon. John died in Nebraska. His first wife (Sally) died in 1862. He married a second time to Mrs. Sarah L. Brown (nee Campbell.) Mr. Jones died February 4, 1890. His second wife died January 25, 1893. Mr. Jones and his first wife are buried in Dresden cemetery. His second wife was buried in Eden cemetery, Fayette county. He was a lover of good horses and always had them. He was a tall, bony man—a typical pioneer.

GEORGE BENEDICT.

George M. Benedict, son of Hiram and Sally Benedict, came here with his parents in 1856. Raised on the farm. He began for himself by clerking for M. L. Sherman about 1870. Mr. Sherman opened a branch store at Lawler and he took charge of that. This branch was discontinued and Mr. Benedict went to Colorado. He was in business at Littleton for several years. He was married thrice, two wives are dead. He had one daughter, Mary. Mr. Benedict like the whole family was a straight up and down man in all his business relations. He will be remembered by our old settlers all the days. He died at Littleton, Colorado in 1905.

HENRY POND.

Henry Pond was born in Vermont October 31,

1842. Son of Dan and Polly (Munger) Pond. Came with his parents to Wisconsin. Grew to manhood there. Came to Fredericksburg, Iowa, in April, 1858. After six years went back to Wisconsin and enlisted in the First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, Company L. Mustered out at Alexandria, Virginia; discharged at Milwaukee 1865. Married at Rutland, Wisconsin, December 1868. Came to Iowa at once. Five children, Etta, Irwin, Ethlene, Porter, and Lena. Etta married A. V. Lane of Chicago, a druggist. They live there. Ethlene married Thomas H. Lane of Chicago, a tea merchant, who is still in business there. Irwin when last heard from was in Dakota. Porter is still single and lives in the city of Tacoma, state of Washington. Lena married a Mr. Phillips of Chicago. Mrs. Henry Pond died in February 1884; buried at Maple Grove cemetery. Mr. Pond is still a widower.

HOOPER WARREN.

Hooper Warren was born at Sacketts Harbor, state of New York; brother of A. K. Warren. He married Charlotte Robinson, of South Hero, Vermont. Came to Wisconsin from the east. Came from there to this place in 1861. He kept the Julien House the winter 1861-2. He then moved to McGregor where he kept hotel. After he went to Clermont, Fayette county, and was in the hotel there. He then went to Conover, or near there, finally settling at Fort Atkinson where he died. Seven child-

ren were born to these parents: Julia, Laura, Asel, Isabelle, Ida, Cora and Giles. Julia married M. E. Coleman, who at the time of their marriage was a station agent for the St. Paul and Milwaukee road at Conover, Iowa; they live now in Dakota. Laura married James Dorsey; they live at Tilden, Nebraska. Asel is unmarried; his abiding place is unknown. Isabelle married George Crum. Ida married Ed. Crue. Cora married Lewis Crum, and Giles a Calmar girl named Mazy Ryan; they all live at Tilden, Nebraska. Mrs. Charlotte Warren, widow of Hooper Warren, lives with her daughter Ida. Mrs. A. K. Warren, Mrs. Hooper Warren, Mrs. George R. Manchester and Mrs. David Dorn were sisters.

DAVID WHEELER.

David Wheeler, a brother of Levi Wheeler, came to Fredericksburg with his family about 1859. He lived in the house afterwards sold to the Methodist people for a parsonage, and which burned the winter of 1901. Five children were born to this union. Two of them died here, also Mr. Wheeler. They were buried on the lots where James Hubbard lives. John Miller built the house. He also took up the bodies and buried them in the West cemetery. Mrs. David Wheeler married a second time, but I don't know where she lives now, or if she is living.

HERBERT A. BISHOP.

Herbert A. Bishop was born in Fredericks-

burg township, March 16, 1858. Son of Joseph B. and Mary E. (Hoyt) Bishop. Mr. Herbert Bishop was a "twin," his mate being Mrs. Helen Freeman.

Mr. Bishop was married July 3, 1880 to Miss Ida M. Wilcox. The years 1881 and 1882, he was U. S. mail carrier between Fredericksburg and New Hampton—"star route." In September 1903, he was appointed a mail carrier in the rural service, which position he held until 1905, when he resigned in favor of his son.

One child was born to this union, Charles, born December 21, 1882.

MILO L. SHERMAN.

Milo L. Sherman was born in Dundee, Kane county, Illinois, September 2, 1839, son of Marshall and Sarah (Wanzer) Sherman. Lived with his parents during the years of his minority. Raised on a farm. Received a common school education.

Mr. Sherman enlisted in Company "I," 52d Illinois Infantry, September 11, 1861. October 28, 1861, he was married to Miss Maria E. Buck, daughter of Anson and Mary Buck, all of Kane county.

The 52d Illinois Infantry was called "The Lincoln Regiment." Mr. Sherman was wounded at the battle of Corinth, October 3, 1862, in his right foot and left leg. Went into the field hospital, was soon transferred to St. Louis 5th Ave. hospital. Furloughed home the following November. Returned to regiment the spring of

1863. Furloughed home October 1864. Reported to Marine hospital, Chicago, December 1864. A large rebel ball was there extracted from his wounded foot by Dr. I. N. Isham. Discharged from the army at said hospital by reason of his wounds March 23, 1865. Mr. Sherman receives a pension on account of wounds received in battle.

Mr. Sherman was principal of the West Side Dundee schools during the summer of 1865. In the month of October the same year he came to Fredericksburg, Iowa. Accepted a position as clerk in store with the firm of Haskett & Sherman. February 28, 1868, he severed his connection with them and started in the mercantile business for himself. He began in an old frame building that stood on the north side of Main street, near the spot where now stands the Hotel Windsor. His family lived overhead. Here Mr. Sherman staid for twelve years, doing a snug business.

In the year 1876, he was commissioned Captain Chickasaw county State Guards; promoted and commissioned Lieutenant Colonel, January 21, 1877; promoted to Colonel April 10, 1877; promoted to Brigadier General, April 30, 1878. Appointed Commissary General of Iowa, July 1, 1882, with rank and commission as Brigadier General. He has also held the following positions: Commander Chickasaw County Veteran Association, First Commander J. V. Carpenter Post, G. A. R.; Chief Mustering Officer Department of Iowa, G. A. R.; Commander 1st Division 4th Corps, G. A. R.; Aide-

de-camp on staff of Commanders in Chief Alger and Beath, and Sen. Vice Commander, Dept. of Iowa. Mr. Sherman has organized more G. A. R. Posts than any man in Iowa and commands—to a wonderful degree—the respect and love of the comrades wherever he goes, and is much sought after as a speaker at camp-fires, reunions and Memorial Day services. All who have ever heard him know what a remarkable and happy faculty he has in holding the closest attention of an audience, his personal reminiscences and army stories being intensely interesting.

In 1880 Mr. Sherman bought the mercantile stock belonging to C. T. Haskett and removed his stock to the building occupied by Mr. Haskett on the corner of Main and Washington streets. This building is now owned by Dr. Taylor and occupied as a drug store. Here he did a much larger business and for a few years was the only dry goods merchant in town. In 1891, he moved to Padden's brick block on the south side of Main street.

Mr. Sherman has always been a sturdy republican. His ability has been recognized by the party, and some especial favors extended to him. He was tendered the nomination for State Senator by the convention assembled at Charles City, which he refused, business relations preventing him from accepting. For Congress he had the support in the primaries of the town and county; at the Congressional convention, after a great number of votes had been taken, he withdrew his name in favor of

Col. Sweeney, who was elected. He ran against Lank Gilliland for the office of County Clerk but was defeated.

Mr. Sherman received the appointment of postmaster in 1886, under President McKinley, held the position until 1894; succeeded by M. W. Warren, who held the position until 1898. He then received his second appointment which he still holds.

Mrs. Sherman died June 13, 1900; buried at Rose Hill.

One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, Clarence H., born December 20, 1865. This son married Miss Madge Mitchell, daughter of Rev. James E. Mitchell. Clarence Sherman and family now live at Seattle, Washington.

Milo L. Sherman has the grit of a bull-dog. In the forty-one years he has been hammering his way along, there has been some dark days, some stringent times financially, but through them all he has kept swimming, and however high the waves ran he pulled manfully along with his nose above the water. We hope the evening of his life will be free from care, that comfort, rest and plenty, will be the legacy bequeathed to him up to the time he shall "cross the bar."

GILBERT J. TISDALE.

Gilbert J. Tisdale came to Chickasaw county somewhere about 1857. He married his cousin, Emeline Tisdale, daughter of Rufus and Nancy Tisdale, of Dresden township. The spring of

1861 he enlisted in Co. B 7th Iowa Volunteers. This regiment was mustered in at Burlington, Iowa, July 21, 1861. He shared the vicissitudes of the regiment. Was wounded at the battle of Pea Ridge; was furloughed and spent several months at home. He returned to the regiment and in 1864 when the regiment was reorganized and many re-enlisted he came home. In 1865 he ran for county representative, defeating D. A. Babcock; Tisdale 489, and Babcock 409. In 1867 he was again a candidate, but was defeated by Wm. Tucker. When Mr. Tisdale came home from the war he was popular and could get nearly anything he asked of the people. He crushed himself; moral laxity was his undoing. Women was the rock upon which he foundered. He went away from here in '71 or '72. Last heard from was in Wisconsin.

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J. V. CARPENTER.

J. V. Carpenter was born in the state of New York, Tompkins county, 1821; married at Ithaca, New York, to Henrietta Hetsel. Came west. Lived a short time in Chicago, also Beloit, Wisconsin. From the latter place he came to Fredericksburg in the year 1856. Four children were born to them: Hetsel and Hutchins, born in New York; Hattie and Alfa, born in Iowa, Hattie in 1866 and Alfa in 1868. Hutchins died in New York. Hetsel is single and has been away from here off and on. Where he is today we do not know. J. V. Carpenter went to Pike's Peak in 1860, returning in 1861. The fall of 1862 he went to McGregor and enlisted in the 21st Iowa Volunteers. Was mustered out in 1865. He next went into business with John Miller—boots and shoes. They put up the house and store room now owned by L. Padden. Mr. Carpenter was a shoemaker by trade. This firm did not last long. Mr. Carpenter went to farming, renting land. Lived in town on block two. This house was destroyed by fire in the spring of 1872. He was not a strong man and had many dizzy spells, then he would faint and become cold as death. He was justice of the peace several years up to the time of his death in August 1877. Hattie died in 1879 or 1880 of scarlet fever. Mrs. J. V. Carpenter died in 1880 of diphtheria. Alfa is married and lives in Michigan.

H. J. PELTON.

Harvey J. Pelton, son of Ransom and Mary

(Waggoner) Pelton, was born in Chautauqua county, New York, town of Portland. Came with his parents to Iowa in the fall of 1868. Was married to Mary Hoyt, daughter of Sanford and Keziah (Lane) Hoyt, May 21, 1871. Children born to these parents, Myrtle V., Ora A., Sanford H., and Renel R. All of them are living. Myrtle married Darwin Fish January, 1894. Sanford married Hattie Randall, they now live at Emmetsburg, Iowa. Ora and Renel are at home. Mr. Pelton sold his farm and moved to town in the spring of 1906.

LOREN PADDEN.

Loren Padden was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1846. Son of Robert and Luvina (Todd) Padden. Came to Iowa with his mother in 1857. Went to the war; enlisted March 4, 1864, Company "F" 9th Iowa Volunteers. Went with Sherman from Atlanta to the sea. Mustered out July 1865. After the war he began to look out sharp for himself. The first good paying investment he made was August 1, 1874, when he married Miss Clara Tisdale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tisdale. They were married by Rev. M. E. Arkills. Seven children have graced this union: Cora, John, Nellie, Harry, Lillie, Edith and Marjorie. Cora died August 8, 1880.

Mr. Padden early got hold of lands at low prices, portions of which he sold making good money; at this date he owns 300 acres of choice

lands. About the year 1880, he went into the pump and wind-mill business which has proved in his hands very remunerative, and today he carries a larger stock of pumps and wind-mills, and does a larger business in this line than any other man in Northeastern Iowa. A number of years ago he erected several good buildings on Main street for rent, and has since kept putting up houses and stores, the climax being reached in 1901 when he built the large brick block on the corner of Washington and Main streets. In the year 1900, in company with Shaffer Bros. of New Hampton, Iowa, they purchased the banking business of Chas. A. Moody, which they carried on as a private bank until the season of 1905, when it was organized under the state law as the First State Bank of Fredericksburg. L. Padden is its first president. He is also engaged in the sale of farm machinery, wagons and buggies under the firm name of Milne & Co.

Mr. Padden is a man of few words, but from the amount of property he accumulated it is evident that he has done a lot of thinking. He is a man of silence in his business. He never tells what he is going to do, the first thing one knows about it he is doing it. He is a kind-hearted man, a citizen who commands the respect of all men with whom he comes in contact. In physique he is large, has a pleasant countenance with a ruddy complexion. He is in his sixtieth year, but don't look it by five years at least. His sons John and Harry, his daughters Nellie and Lillie are married.

JAMES G. HASKETT.

James G. Haskett was born in Ireland in 1817. Emigrated to Canada when a young man. Married in Canada to Lucy Gaynor, who was also born in Ireland. In the year 1857, Mr. Haskett with his family removed to Iowa, and located at Fayette, Fayette county, where he remained six years. He then moved to Chickasaw county, locating at Fredericksburg where he engaged in the mercantile trade at once, continuing in that business until 1878. With his family he then removed to Blue Rapids, Kansas. From there to Vermillion, same state. Here Mrs. Haskett died August, 1886. James G. Haskett now lives in Yonkers, state of New York, as hale and strong a man as can be found any where at the age of 89 years. Mr. Haskett was a man of distinct personality, rigid and upright in his business, quick spoken and brusque in his manner. Nine children were born to these parents: Christopher T., Hannah, Charles J., Walter, Lucy, Katie and Laura. The above named are living; two died—one in Canada and the other at Fayette, Ia. Christopher T., is married and lives in Fredericksburg; Charles J. married, lives at Centralia, Kansas. Hannah is single and lives at Yonkers, New York; Walter is single, is at Yonkers, N. Y., secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of that city; He is one of the brightest young men of that city. He is fully devoted to his work and an acknowledged success in his calling. The Y. M. C. A. has made rapid strides

forward under his administration. Lucy married Rev. C. M. Cate of Yonkers, they now live in the city of Brooklyn, where Rev. Cate is pastor of a church. Kate is single, home at Yonkers, a school teacher; Laura married Clarence Bannister, they live at Moline, Illinois.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CLARK.

Among the early settlers came a man with a name (the front part of it) famous in the history of our country, George Washington Clark. He came in the year 1869. He was born in Bloomfield, Madison county, New York. Married Esther Jane Ellis of Chenango county, N. Y., a sister of of James Ellis of Dresden township. Mr. Clark and wife spent four years here; the first two years on a farm southeast of town where a son was born to them. Mr. Clark was a carpenter and came to town, bought a lot and built for himself and family a house. They lived here two years, when they sold and went back to New York state where they now live. If I remember rightly they had two daughters. Mr. Clark was also a singer and music teacher. The house is now ready to fall down. It is owned by Mrs. Josie Box.

JOHN M. FERRIS.

John M. Ferris, oldest son of Benjamin and Lydia Ferris, was born in Chenango county, New York, in 1823. He was married to Miss Miranda M. Fish, in 1854. In 1856 he left New

York and came to Chickasaw county, Iowa. He came to Fredericksburg in 1866 or 1867, and settled on section six. Three children were born to this union; Frankie L., Flora C., and Arthur F. Frankie and Arthur live in New Hampshire we believe. Both are married. Frankie married Stillman Lovejoy of Lawler, and Arthur married Kate Forward. Flora married Dell Lyman and lives in Fredericksburg. Mr. Ferris died October 21, 1886. Mrs. Ferris is still a widow, lives in Fredericksburg.

W. G. ELDRÉT.

Among the early comers was W. G. Eldret and family. He came here in 1864 and settled on the land now known as the Milmine farm. He was born in England came to America when a young man, married Miss Charlotte McMaster in Montgomery county, New York. They had two children, both girls. One of them is now Mrs. T. M. Riddle of Charles City, the other is Mrs. Clint Mead of Kenneth, Minnesota. Mr. Eldret died at Ionia, Iowa, in April 1885, and his wife died at Spencer, Iowa, in 1886. Mr. Eldret was the deacon of the Baptist church and a very straight going man.

THOMAS C. MOORE.

Thomas C. Moore came to Iowa from Ohio and settled in Clayton county, at Postville. He afterwards lived at Hardin and came to

Fredericksburg in the year of 1866. He located on the northeast quarter of section 7, 94, 11, and left the farm in 1873 when he bought the Julien House which he kept during the year 1874. In May 1875 he moved to Kansas and settled in the Soloman Valley at Delphos. He was married in Ohio and was the father of six children, Sumner, Abigail, Frank, Benjamin, Aurilla, and Mary. Frank and Mary are dead. Sumner is married and lives in Fredericksburg. Abigail was married in 1869 to Henry French and they now reside in Portland, Oregon. Benjamin married Julia Parks of this township and now lives in Junction City, Kansas. Aurilla married in Kansas. Mrs. Thomas C. Moore died in 1863. Mr. Moore married the second time Miss Hannah Puckerin in 1865. Three children were born to this union, William, Grant, and Mary Belle. Mr. Moore is now dead. Old Mrs. Puckerin died at the Moore farm in 1872, and Richard Puckerin in Kansas in March 1885.

WILLIAM R. BULLOCK.

William R. Bullock was born in Erie county, state of New York, in June, 1838. He was the son of William and Mary Bullock, was married in Wisconsin, January 1, 1862, to Clarissa Inglehart, and located in Fredericksburg township in 1865, settling upon the southeast quarter of section 1, 94, 11. Five children were born to them, the eldest being Mary Elwildie, who was born March 19, 1863, and December

11, 1881, was married to Lewis Aiken; they live in Minnesota. Their second daughter, Alice Rosina, was born in December 1864, and was married February 22, 1899, to Earnest Clark; they also live in Minnesota. Nelson W., died November 11, 1880; Annie F., November 14, and Wesley I., November 24th the same year, the cause of death being diphtheria.

Mr. Bullock bought his land of Clara Barton of Red Cross fame. She entered it from the U. S. Government with a land warrant given her by her father who was a soldier in the war of 1812. He still owns the land but rents it and lives in town. He moved into town in 1899, on a small piece of land just inside the corporation, purchased of Geo. S. Morris.

J. H. HERRICK.

J. H. Herrick was born in DeWaynsburg, Schenectady county, New York, May 2, 1827. He is the son of Leonard and Sarah Herrick. He was raised on a farm, received a common school education. July 29, 1849, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Eldret, of Lincolnshire, England. They remained in New York until the spring of 1865, when they emigrated to Fredericksburg, Iowa. They lived on the Melmine farm two miles east of town for two years; they then moved on the old Carter farm in Dresden township where they lived two years, when they bought land in section 11-94-11, Fredericksburg township. Four children were born to this union: John D., born Nov.

19, 1850; Anna, born in July, 1854; William, born in July, 1856; and George, born October 19, 1860. They also had an adopted daughter, Anna Belle Gardner, daughter of Jacob and Anna Gardner, of New York, who was born in 1863. John D. Herrick married a daughter of Thomas Richardson, and is now one of the prosperous farmers of this township. Anna married Henry B. Colt and they now live at Gruver, Iowa. William married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dayton, they now live in Dresden township. George married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alanson, Pratt they now reside in Waterloo, Iowa. Anna Belle is a professional nurse and lives in New York. Mrs. J. H. Herrick died September 21, 1885. Mr. Herrick sold his farm in 1899. He now lives at Gruver, Iowa.

SAMUEL STEADMAN.

Samuel Steadman was born in the state of Maine, May 1, 1821, town of Foxcroft. He was a son of John and Patience Steadman. His father was a millwright. Samuel, while a young man, worked out by the month, spending several seasons rafting on the Penobscot river. December 11, 1843, he was married to Betsy Jane Pratt, by whom he became the father of eleven children, four dying early in life. Ella L., Lucius D., Charles R., Edwin and Wilson are known to our people. Ella married Melville Rollins, and now lives in Dresden township. Lucius married Lillie Scales, he

died at Nashua. Charles married Ida Gardner and now lives in Dresden township. Edwin is in the northwest somewhere. Wilson married Lizzie Stone and lives at Alpha, Iowa.

Samuel Steadman came to Iowa the fall of 1854, locating in McKee township, Allamakee county. His first wife died in 1864, and their daughter Augusta, died in 1866. His second marriage was to Alinda P. Robbins, May 1, 1865, by whom he had seven children: Albert W., who is married and lives in Howard county; John A. who is single and lives in Fredericksburg; Julia A. who is the wife of Rufus Potter; Walter C., who married Laura Hutchinson and lives in Dresden township; Arthur F., who married Elfa Tillotson; George C., who married Laura Whitman; Clarence who is single, and Frank, who lives in Minnesota.

Mr. Steadman located in this township, April 23, 1869, upon section 22, where he lived for four years in a board shanty. He built a comfortable home in 1873, and set out an orchard from which he took seventy-five bushels of apples the season of 1884, mostly of the Dutchess and Wealthy varieties. He took the first premium on apples at the county fair in 1882. Mr. Steadman and his wife joined the Baptist church at Fredericksburg, March 3, 1878. He was a man of great probity. He died September 25, 1890.

PATRICK NOLAN.

Patrick Nolan, another of our early settlers,

was born in Ireland. Over sixty years ago he came to America and made his first stop in Washington county, New York. Here he worked in a foundry for several years. He was married in 1851 to Elizabeth Armstrong. Nine children were born to this union: William, Catherine, James, Francis, Alice, Thomas, Stephen, Maria and Peter.

Mr. Nolan came with his wife to Iowa in 1858, and located on the southwest quarter of section 31-95-11, two miles north of town. He also bought the north half of the southeast quarter of section 31-95-11. Here himself and wife worked hard and opened up a farm and reared their large family. As his children grew up he thought he did not have land enough for them all. He said: "I wanted the boys to have each one a farm of their own." To bring this about he bought a tract of wild land containing 480 acres lying in the southeast part of Fredericksburg township, to-wit: the north half and the southeast quarter of section 34-94-11. In the whole township there is not a more desirable piece of land. A stream of water runs through it from north to south. For three years he raised wheat upon it and each year was an entire failure. Mr. Nolan was discouraged. He was \$1800.00 in debt and the interest accumulating. He said: "I made up my mind I would change off and give wheat the go by." He went to work and picked up a lot of two-year-old steers, bought them on time, and put them on the rich grass lands. For three years he struggled against cold and storm,

living much of the time alone in a little house he had built, watching and caring for his cattle. He said: "It was the toughest struggle of my life." The spring of 1884 he sold his cattle in Chicago for \$3,500.00. This amount of money put him out of debt and left \$1000.00 for future investments. His children are all away looking out for themselves, except two daughters, Alice and Marie. Mrs. Nolan is a noble woman. Mr. Nolan owned 730 acres of land at the time of his death which occurred in the month of March 1904. Mrs. Nolan and two daughters reside at New Hampton.

WILLIAM I. COLT, SR.

William I. Colt, Sr., was born in Niagara Co., New York, in 1831. He is the second son of William J. and Elizabeth S. Colt. At the age of twenty-one, he left New York and came to Walworth county, Wisconsin, where he remained one year. In the year 1858, he removed to Belvidere, Illinois; remained there one year and moved to DeKalb county, Illinois, where he lived until 1863. He then removed to Franklyn county, Iowa, remained there two years, then went to Nashua, Chickasaw county, where he remained four years working as a carriage maker. He came to Fredericksburg township in 1869. He was married in 1856 to Lucy Armstrong of New York. They had three children: Henry B., Herman and William I. His wife died in 1866, and in 1867, he married Margaret Mahona, who died in 1869. In

February 1870, he married Rhoda Martin of Rockford, Illinois, a native of Canada. Two children were born to this marriage, Loretta U. and Arel E. When Mr. Colt came here he bought the farm now so well known to our people as the Colt farm. He added by purchase to the original farm until he owned 520 acres of as fine quality of land as any man could ask for. He was a worker and did things on the big side usually. In the year of 1876 he owned seventy-five head of fine cattle, mostly Shorthorns, headed by the "Duke of Airdrie." He had eighteen horses, seventy hogs and 250 chickens. He raised the year before, 1,300 bushels of wheat, 2,500 bushels of corn, 180 bushels of grass seed, 500 bushels of barley, 250 bushels of potatoes, 100 tons of hay, manufactured 1000 pounds of cheese and 500 pounds of butter. During the years he remained on this farm he kept several fine stock horses, and also registered shorthorns.

In the spring of 1900, April 27, Mrs. Rhoda Colt died of pneumonia. Soon after, Mr. Colt disposed of his stock, farm machinery, etc. and in a few months sold his farm. He spent a year traveling, and in his wanderings went to California. He was so well pleased with the climate that he gave up all here and went there. His residence is at Whittier, Cal.

Henry B. married Annie Herrick; they live at Gruver Iowa. Herman married a lady near Marshalltown, Iowa; he is a passenger conductor on the Iowa Central railroad and lives at Oskaloosa, Iowa. William L., Jr. married Miss

Alice O'Brien; they live in Idaho. The two children by his third wife are married. Loretta U. married William R. Dawson; they reside at Whittier, California. Arel E. married Anna Bishop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bishop; they reside in this township. Mrs. Rhoda Colt is buried at Rose Hill cemetery.

MICHAEL BROWN.

Michael Brown, son of John and Mary Brown, was born in the state of Pennsylvania, Monroe county, March 22, 1818, on Easter Sunday. He received a common school education. In 1844 he left home, going to Bellview, Ohio, where he learned the trade of a tanner and currier. He worked at that business until he came to Iowa in 1864. In 1855, he was married to Caroline Dockrell, a native of England, by whom he had six children: John, born in 1856, died in 1857; Frank, born in 1858, died at Winona, Minnesota, in December 1874 of malarial fever, and was brought here for burial in the West cemetery; William, born March 1, 1860, married to Cora Stickney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stickney, and lives in Kansas; Charles F., born in 1862; Mary, born in April, 1864, and died in August, of the same year; Eliza, born November 26, 1886, and is the wife of John Phillips, who formerly was a blacksmith here. Mrs. Michael Brown died at Fredericksburg, April 4, 1869. Mr. Brown, as early as 1854 or 1855, bought a large tract of land lying in Dresden township, the majority

of it being timber land of the best quality. He came here in September, 1864, his family coming some two years subsequent. Mr. Brown lived among us for a number of years and established himself as a man of strict honesty in all of his dealings. When he sold one a cord of wood, that one got a full cord of body wood piled as close as it was possible to do. He died the spring of 1885.

BENJAMIN ALCOTT.

Benjamin Alcott, son of Amos and Louisa Alcott, was born December 17, 1826, in Chenango county, New York. Married March 2, 1852, to Polly Page. Went to Illinois in 1855. They came to Fredericksburg township in the fall of 1861. Bought a farm on section 16, in 1866. Eight children were born to these parents: Luverne, Hobart H., Gilbert E., Russell E., Eva R., Hettie A., Earnest B., and Alice M. Luverne lives in Nebraska; Hobart is dead; Gilbert lives in Nebraska; Russell E. at Fredericksburg; Eva is the wife of Wilfred Haugh; Hettie married Frank Chamberlain; Earnest lives in Iowa; Alice is the wife L. F. Gitsch, resides in Dresden township.

Mr. Alcott came to his death in a tragic manner while he and his wife were visiting at the home of their son Gilbert who was living on a ranch near Mitchell, Nebraska. The 10th day of November, 1905, in the absence from home of his son, Mr. Alcott (who, by the way, was nearly blind,) started out for a walk about

1:00 o'clock p. m. After he had been gone from home about two hours the women folks started out to find him. The search was kept up until the next morning when a posse was organized, being augmented, until fifty people were scouring the hills in the search. They were misled by a lone hunter's trail and for three days and nights the search proved fruitless. On the third day they found where he had lain down to rest on the prairie, from which place they traced his footsteps as he wandered to and fro. Soon they found the steps growing shorter and shorter, giving evidence that he was becoming worn out and exhausted. All were now intently watching, when the pet dog that had accompanied him, raised himself on his haunches, giving the anxious searchers the first intimation of the whereabouts of his dead master, who was lying naturally, as if sleeping with the faithful creature by his side. The body was brought to Fredericksburg and interred in Maple Grove cemetery. Mrs. Alcott now makes her home with her children.

JAMES ELLSWORTH.

James Ellsworth, son of John and Maria Ellsworth, was born in Seneca county, New York in 1821. He was married in 1844, to Sarah Linderman. Came to Rockford, Illinois in 1855. Came to this township in 1866, and located on section 16 in 1867. Three children, Eugene, Frank and William. Eugene married

and lives in Michigan. Frank married, died at Nashua, December 16, 1901. William married, lives in Missouri. James Ellsworth died April 7, 1873, buried in the East cemetery. Mrs. Ellsworth is a grand, good woman, and numbers her friends by her acquaintance. She came to town to live in 1886. She is still a widow.

ANSEL HOYT.

In 1862 there lived one mile east from town an old couple known as Ansel Hoyt, and wife Louis. Mr. Hoyt was a strong republican, and Greeley's New York Tribune, was his daily bread. During the days of the war he would come to town for his paper and when he had received it, he would start for home taking the center of the road, reading his paper as he went. If any one should call to him and say something derogatory about Greeley or his paper, his dander was up in a moment and the sparks of anger would fly from him like sparks from an Xray. This man died at his home August 9, 1880, aged 89 years, five months and twelve days. Louis, the wife, died March 9, 1882, aged 82 years, eleven months and five days. For several years the house was not disturbed and the weeds and the trees grew about it until it was nearly lost in the jungle. Finally Will Bishop bought the property, tore down the house, cleaned out the brush and weeds, trimmed the trees and built upon the spot the fine dwelling house where he lives at the present time.

JOHN S. BUCK.

John S. Buck, son of Anson and Maria Buck, was born at Sandy Hill, Washington, New York, February 29, 1828. He came with his parents to Illinois in 1837 or 1838, locating at Bloomingdale, DuPage county. He received a common school education. In 1855 he moved to Dundee, Kane county, and in August the same year he was married to Maria Carpenter of Carpentersville, Illinois. He had one child by his first wife, a daughter, who is the wife of G. F. Arvedson of Carpentersville, Illinois. His first wife died in 1873. In 1875 he married the widow of William BenThusen, coming to Iowa that fall. They located first in Dresden township on the W. H. Linderman farm. In 1876, he traded farms with Mr. Linderman and moved that fall into Fredericksburg township, on a farm of 148 acres, where he lived until March 1906, when he traded the farm for a place in town where he now lives. To this second marriage two children were born: Anson Henry in 1878, and Sarah in 1881. His second wife had two daughters that came here with her: Dora and Eva M. Dora married a man by the name of Smith and lives near Hawkeye. Eva married Winnie Thorn and lives in this township.

MIKE CARROLL.

Mike Carroll was born in Ottawa county, Ohio. His parents came from Ireland. Mike came to Fredericksburg in 1865. Owned a

piece of land in Stapleton township. Spent the most of his time in town. He went back to Ohio several times. Rebuilt a house in in town and rented it. Went back to Ohio on business, was taken sick and died.

JOHN STOWERS.

John Stowers, son of John and Hannah Stowers, born March 3, 1836. Came to Allamakee county, Iowa in 1857. In the fall of 1862 he was married to Amelia Wood. Four children were born to this union: Allen, Cora May, a boy unnamed and Wilbur. All are dead but Wilbur, who is a Methodist minister. Mr. Stowers lost his first wife and in February, 1874, he married Emogene Farnsworth. They came to this township in 1877, locating on section 29. Two children were born to this second marriage, both are dead. They came into town to live in 1887, but still keep the farm of 120 acres. Mr. Stowers was a soldier in the civil war and draws a pension from the government.

ELDRIDGE L. GILBERT.

Eldredge L. Gilbert, son of Lovell R. and Clarissa Gilbert was born in Rock county, Wisconsin in 1841. When a youth of fifteen he left his native state and came to Clayton county, Iowa, where he lived fourteen years. In 1875 he married Rebecca M. Bishop. They located on 80 acres, section 7, where they lived

for several years. This farm is now owned by Wm. Case. At the time they left here for Wisconsin they had three children living: Louie, Lovell R. and Walter B., and one dead—Mattie A. who died June 3, 1883. A strong love for the land of his birth and some other circumstances, took the man and his family to Wisconsin. He was a sharp man, but one of the best deals he ever made was when he married Rebecca M. Bishop.

ALBERT KNIGHT.

Albert Knight, son of Daniel and Lydia Knight, was born in Alleghany county, New York, February 18, 1827. He spent his boyhood days in the township where he was born. August 20, 1850, he married Miss Fannie D. Wilcox. To this union was born three children: Caroline C., who is the wife of Sam Barker; Adeline S. the wife of August F. Ladwig; Anna M. the wife of William D. Purdy. These children were born in New York state. In the year of 1861, Mr. Knight removed to Freeport, Illinois. Here his wife died in 1862. April 19, 1863, he married Mrs. Mary Squires, a sister of his first wife. The fall of 1863 he came to Fredericksburg township. He lived in a small house which stood on the east side of the highway going south from town, nearly on the line between the land of Loren Padden's and the Lemi Grover farm, about 100 rods south of the four corners of town. Here his second wife died with small pox, January 3, 1864. All the

family had it but one of the girls, and it proved afterwards that she was the only one who had been vaccinated. Mr. Elbert Eastland was there and he shows the marks very plainly upon his face. November 1, 1865, Mr. Knight married Mrs. Louisa Eastland, sister of his former wives. Moved to his farm three miles south of town on section 36, northeast quarter, Dresden township. To this marriage one child was born, Mary L., January 19, 1866; she is the wife of Ross Printup. In 1890, Mr. Knight sold his farm and moved into town. January 25, 1892, this third wife died, and January 25, 1903, he was married to Mrs. Mary Jane Spencer, of Bradford, Iowa, daughter of John and Elizabeth Allinson.

MYRON JUDGE.

Myron Judge, son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Judge, was born in Brazier, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1865. At the age of ten came with his parents to Boone county, Illinois. From there they moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Married March 20, 1858 to Eliza Bullock, daughter of William and Mary Bullock. In 1860 he moved to Kansas, stayed there two years and then moved back to Columbus county, Wisconsin. Came to Iowa in 1870, located on 160 acres, section 3, Fredericksburg township, 80 acres on section 9. Three children: Sherman Thurston, Oscar N. and Irene Genevieve. Thurston is married and lives at Elk River, Minn; Oscar married Lottie Grover and

they live on a farm in this township; Irene is dead. Mr. Judge rented his farm and moved into town during the month of January 1902. Mrs. Judge died February 25, 1902.

THOMAS DAWSON.

Thomas Dawson, son of William and Mary Dawson, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1839. Came to America in 1857. Married in Illinois to Sarah L. McNaughton, (scotch.) This wife died in 1867. In 1868 he married Mary Ann Scholay, also a scotch woman. Came to Iowa in 1882. In 1883 went on the George Bishop farm, where he lived eight years, afterwards on the farm with his son, William R. This son married Retta Colt; they live at Whittier, California. Mr. Dawson sold out here and went to Whittier, California where he now resides. His second wife died in California.

RUDRIC ZOLLER.

Rudric Zoller, born in Germany, came to America when a young man; came to Iowa; married to Earnestina Drewelow, July 14, 1860, at Ft. Atkinson. Next came into Chickasaw county, locating on section 25, New Hampton township. The place is known by our old settlers as the Montgomery farm. Some family differences arising, Mr. Zoller took his share of real and personal property, and a German girl and went to Missouri where he now lives. Mrs. Zoller kept the farm. Six children were

born to them: Louis, Wilhelmina Rosina, Emma, Helena Dora, Millie and Matie. Louis went to Missouri, is married; Wilhelmina died in Missouri; Emma married Henry Mattke; Helena and Millie are dead; Matie married William Benner. In December 1880, Mrs. Zoller married Albert Duenow. In 1898 they sold the farm and moved to Fredericksburg.

JOHN DUNBAR.

John Dunbar, son of John and Lydia Dunbar, was born in Ware, New Hampshire, February 23, 1844. He came to Iowa in August 1865. Married in August 1872 to Anna Dawson, who was born in Yorkshire, England. Located on section 32 in Fredericksburg township in 1876.

They have had three children, two of them died soon after birth, one son remains, his name is Willie. Mr. Dunbar was a soldier in the civil war.

JOHN KENNY.

In the early seventies John Kenny came and bought the southwest quarter of section 14. This was a fine tract of land, where but a year or two before 500 head of cattle were pastured. Mr. Kenny built a house, and if rightly we remember went away and got himself a wife. On this farm he lived until 1900. He erected a fine barn and a fair house, and sold for \$65 an acre. He went into New Hampton township and bought. He was a very fine man.

WILLIAM MCQUEENY.

William McQueeney was an early settler.

He was located on section 31. He died years ago. His widow and two daughter live in Chicago, Illinois.

CARL WUTTKE.

Carl Wuttke, german, came into this township in 1873 or 1874. Located on section 33, 240 acres. This man and his wife were made of the right kind of stuff for going ahead, and to make and save money. They worked hard and the result was that they came out triumphant, with a fine farm paid for, a good house to live in and a large barn for his stock. They raised a family of nine children, with the exception of the loss of two by diphtheria. These young men and women went out for themselves and have proved to the world that they have brains for business. Mrs. Wuttke died a few years since. The father lives in Sumner with his daughters.

FREDERICK PLAGGENKULE.

Frederick Plaggenkule, proprietor and owner of "Dividing Ridge" farm, was born in Hanover, Germany, September 1, 1846. Son of J. H. Wanhoff and Catherine Plaggenkule. His mother being heir to the Plaggenkule estate, her name according to the laws of Hanover could not be changed, so the father, John H. Wanhoff had to change his name to Plaggenkule. Frederick Plaggenkule was married to Eugeline Hacksted, January 2, 1871, at Fredericksburg,

Iowa. Thirteen children have been born to this union—six sons and seven daughters—and at this time are all alive. Their daughter Sophia is married to O. M. Roberts. Henry married Mary Drier; Charles married Ida Niewoehner; Fred Jr. farms for himself 280 acres in Banks township; Anna, Nettie, William, Lizzie, August, Alvina and Lena are with their parents.

Mr. Plaggenkule was the first German settler in the vicinity of the German Lutheran Church which is now composed of sixty-five families. His dealings in land began at \$5.00 an acre and holdings at this date are considered cheap at \$60.00 an acre. Mr. Plaggenkule is one who believes in living up-to-date. In 1900 he subscribed for a good bit of stock in the Sumner telephone company. He has 'phone in his house, and he also has a daily mail come to his door. All these things places Dividing Ridge farm as regards modern conveniences fully up with any in the state. He has deeded to his sons 560 acres of land, and he still enjoys the ownership of 1000 acres. Mr. Plaggenkule is a man of more than the average ability, a most excellent business man and himself and family are people that any township would be proud of.

CAPTAIN TAZWELL.

In the fall of 1867, one Captain Tazwell, of Elgin, Illinois, came here and built a house on section 15, the northwest quarter. Here he lived during the winter of 1867-8. His family

came here the spring of 1868. The Captain did not remain here very long. He and a girl that they had raised went away, and the last that we knew of them they were living at Grand Junction, Iowa. The wife disposed of the farm and herself and family went back to Illinois. The farm was bought by a Mr. Muir father of Fred and Charley Muir.

HENRY CLAY PEASE.

Henry Clay Pease, second son of Webster and Lucy (Older) Pease was born in Boone county, Illinois, December 13, 1847. Came to Iowa with his parents and grew to manhood on his father's farm in Dresden township. In the year 1874 he was united in marriage with Miss Effie Knapp. Began housekeeping in a small house on his father's farm. December 1879, Henry with his family moved to Ruthven, Iowa. Bought a farm near there and lived on it until a few years ago. This farm he has sold and now lives in Ruthven. Three children came to this family: Lucy, Charles and Harry. Lucy is married, lives in Dakota; Charles and Harry live at Ruthven.

Henry visited the old home place in March, 1906. It was not at all like the home wherein he spent so many years. He said he never wanted to see it again.

ELMER W. PEASE.

Elmer W. Pease, eldest son of Webster and

Lucy (Older) Pease, was born November 14th, 1846, at Darien, Walworth county, Wisconsin. While a small boy his parents moved to Boone county, Illinois. They remained there for about a year and a half. They then moved to Iowa, making their first stop at West Union, Fayette county, where they remained one year. In the month of October 1856, they moved to Chickasaw county and located on land then called in the Yankee precinct, now Dresden township. Elmer attended the public schools until he was old enough to work out. October 16, 1869, he was united in marriage with Laura J. Howard of the same township. Four boys and three girls was born to this union: Mary E., Mordin R., Fred, Marvin R., Clara Ettie, Pearl and Frank. Mary is married, lives in Jones county, Iowa; Mordin R. is at Dodge Center, Minn; Fred died at the age of a year and a half; Marvin and Frank are here; Clara married Albert Brandt; Pearl died in the sixth year of her age. Elmer Pease and wife seperated some years ago. Both are residents of this place.

OSCAR AND ORISON PEASE.

The 14th day of March, 1849, there was born to Webster and Lucy (Older) Pease, twin boys. They were born in Boone county, Illinois, and came to Iowa with their parents in 1856. These boys were named Oscar and Orison. They were born fighters, would fight each other if they could find no other boys to fight.

In the year 1869, Oscar went to Pocahontas county, took up a homestead. The spring of 1870, he married Miss Addie Proctor of that county. Three children were born to them, two died in infancy, the third, a girl, lived to womanhood, is married and lives in the state of Washington. Mr. Pease held the office of Justice of the Peace for several terms, was also town clerk, and county coroner. Himself and family now live at Burlington, Washington.

Orison Pease married Miss Caroline Beaver in 1872. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beaver of this township. Five children were born to them: Henry, Irvin, Myrtle, Clara and one that died in infancy. Mrs. Pease died at their home in Dresden township. Henry and Irvin are married and live in Washington. Myrtle is married and lives in Dakota. After the death of his wife, Orison went to Pocahontas county, Iowa. During his time of residence there he married Miss Matie Thomas. They removed to Burlington, Washington, where they now reside. They are engaged in keeping a hotel.

GEORGE PEASE.

George Madison Pease, oldest son of Webster and Lucinda (Robinson) Pease was born in the state of New York, February 27, 1835. Came with his parents to Walworth county, Wisconsin. The spring of 1861 he came to

Fredericksburg to visit his father and while here enlisted in Company "B," Lincoln Guards, 7th Iowa. After the war he went to Pennsylvania, and in 1868 he married Miss Elizabeth Elderkin. In the year 1869 he returned to Iowa. Three children were born to these parents: Cora, John and A. D. Cora is married, lives at Calmar, Iowa; John is married, lives in Washington; A. D. is married and also lives in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. George Pease live at Yakma, Washington.

MRS. C. M. STONE.

Mrs. C. M. Stone, widow, born in Cataraugus county, New York, June 6, 1847. Daughter of James and Mary Fisk. Came with her parents to Iowa, was married August 11, 1860 to Chauncey Stone of Fredericksburg. Seven children were born to them as follows: David, Charlie, Mary, Arrilla, Willie, Ebenezzer, Ida, and Myron. David died December 2, 1901 at home: Charlie lives in New Hampton; Mary married J. Jobe and lives in Clermont, Iowa; Willie lives in Missouri; Ebenezzer lives in Minnesota; Ida lives in Dakota and Myron at home. Mr. Stone died December 7, 1901—son and husband died the same week.

ALEXANDER MORAIE.

In 1882, Alexander McRae located on section 13. He was born in Wisconsin, near Milton Junction. His parents are scotch. He mar-

ried Orlie Reed, of Stapleton township, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reed. They remained on the farm until 1892, when he sold it to Jacob Selig. He removed to Estherville, Iowa.

EDWARD HALPIN.

Edward Halpin, one of the late comers, located on section 3. He married a McQueeney girl. They have a number of children. Mr. Halpin has proved himself a money maker and a money saver. The spring of 1902 he sold his farm to Avery W. Carey, and his farm in Bremer county to Haskett and Carey. Mr. Halpin removed to Minnesota to a farm not far from St. Cloud.

F. J. AND J. J. MILKS.

F. J. and J. J. Milkes, lived on section 35. They have sold their interest in the land they had, and the last we knew of them they were living at Waucoma.

MRS. MARY TRAINER.

Mrs. Mary Trainer lives on sections 2 and 3. We can give but little about her or her family as they seldom come to Fredericksburg, Lawler being thir trading point.

LEVI MILLER.

Levi Miller was born in Stark county, Ohio,

in April 1834, and when he was a boy went to Stephens county, Illinois, with his parents. From there he came to Allamakee county, Iowa, and married Sarah Ogg in 1858. They came to Fredericksburg township in 1865, buying the farm then owned by Spencer Gillette. They have two children, Adeline and Elmer. Adeline is the wife of Rev. Oliver Beaver. Elmer married May Muir, they live in this township.

JULIUS MATTKE.

Julius Mattke was born in Germany, August 18, 1828, and came to America in 1862. He went to McGregor where he worked five years for Sol Clemans, making lumber wagons. He settled in Fredericksburg township in 1870, on a farm two miles east and two miles south of town. He worked for Tom Bradford of Nashua, altogether 15 years making wagons. Mr. Mattke was married in Germany and was the father of four children: Charles, Gustoff, Augusta and Henry. Mr. Mattke died several years ago in Fredericksburg. His wife married again but is now numbered among the dead. All the children are married.

CHRISTIAN SWANGER.

Christian Swanger came to Iowa with his boys the fall of 1869. Mr. Swanger was born in Pennsylvania in 1804, and was a sturdy man of the type known as the Pennsylvania Dutch-

man. He was married in Pennsylvania to Esther Martin, and came west settling in Wisconsin, near Columbus. They had five children: Robert, Ervin and James who are well known here; and two daughters: the late Mrs. Joseph Mourer and Mrs. Henry Beaver, deceased. Mrs. Christian Swanger died in 1876, in Dresden township. Christian Swanger died at the home of his son Ervin, in 1893, at the age of 89 years.

JOSEPH MOURER.

Joseph Mourer was born in Union county, Beaver township Pennsylvania, July 6, 1826. Was the son of John and Elizabeth Mourer. He lived in Pennsylvania twenty-three years, working on a farm. April 15, 1849, he married Amelia Swanger, daughter of Christian and Esther Swanger, of Union county, Pennsylvania. They emigrated to Wisconsin and engaged in farming near Columbus. They came to Fredericksburg township in the month of October 1869, locating upon the north half of the northeast quarter of section 15. Eleven children came to this union: Almira H., born at Columbus, Wisconsin. August 17, 1850, and is now the wife of John Waggoner, living in Fredericksburg; Angelina was born May 8, 1852, and died September 26, 1855; Charles A., born in Wisconsin, March 31, 1854, married in March 1874 to Ada Kingsbury of Fredericksburg, he is now a widower and lives here, his wife having died in Des Moines; Arlista V., born March

16, 1856, she is now the wife of Daniel Potter of Fayette county; Adeline is the wife of A. Fortney of Sumner, Iowa; Asterline, is the wife of Frank Courtney of this place; Carrie Bell was born January 2, 1862, and is the wife of George Harding of this township; George F., born December 29, 1864, he married Miss Flora Vail; Florence Estella, was born in Fredericksburg township, February 16, 1871, she is single; Dora Eldine was born in Fredericksburg, July 19, 1873, and is the wife of Frank Kirkpatrick, lives at Oelwein, Iowa; Walter J., was born in Fredericksburg township, March 1, 1876, and died of consumption at the old home the fall of 1901.

Joseph Mourer died Sunday, February 19, 1893. Amelia, his wife, died June 12, 1901.

JOHN SMITH.

John Smith came to this township in 1869, and opened the farm now owned by Clarence Lowry. He had one daughter, who married Mr. Renshaw, and an adopted son, Will Stiles. Mr. Smith sold his farm several years ago and moved to Buena Vista county, Iowa.

THOMAS TREWIN.

Thomas Trewin was born in England in 1842, and was the eldest son of Henry and Mary Trewin. When eight years old he left England with his parents and came to America, locating in Illinois. In 1872 young Thomas came

to Iowa and settled in Chickasaw county. He was married to Martha Cornell the same year. They have five children; Ada A., Ervin, Guy, Earl and Howard. His farm of 160 acres is located on section six. One child of this family, Elmer, died January 4, 1878. Mr. Trewin, for some unknown reason, lost his mental balance and in a moment of cloud, took his own life, March 11, 1894. His widow still lives on the farm.

RICHARD L. SCHOONOVER.

Richard L. Schoonover, son of John and Mary Schoonover, was born in Indiana in 1843. When a small lad his parents moved to Jefferson county, Wisconsin, where he lived over twenty years. In 1860 he was married to Cleopha Weston, a native of New York state. In 1871 he removed to Iowa and located in Winneshiek county. In 1875 he came to Fredericksburg township and located on section 23. They have five children; Etta E., Mary M., David E., Clara B. and John G. Mr. Schoonover died the spring of 1884. His widow lives on the farm and with the help of her children carries it on nicely.

LEWIS SPEICHER.

Lewis Speicher was born in Pennsylvania, in 1824, and in 1852 was married to Matilda Ogg, a native of Maryland, at Petersburg, Pennsylvania. In 1854 he left Maryland and came to

Iowa, settling in Allamakee county. He came to Fredericksburg township the fall of 1874, locating on section 33. Nine children were born to this union; Benjamin, William, Henry, John, Lewis, Emma Jane, Hattie May, Frank, and Charles. All the children are married.

DANIEL MCFARLAND.

Daniel McFarland, son of Peter McFarland, was born in Ohio. He was married in Wisconsin, to Sarah Rutledge, of Monticello, Green county. Came to Iowa in 1873, and settled on 160 acres, located on sections 2, 11. Mrs. McFarland died February 14, 1888 at the home farm. Mr. McFarland died at New Hampton, Iowa, April 15, 1888. Four children; Mary, dead; Marvin L., married Susan Clark, lives on the home farm; Walter married Bertha Farnum and lives in Missouri; Wellington married and lives in Dakota.

MICHAEL BROADIE.

Michael Broadie was born in the province of Quebec, county of Argentine, November 14, 1826; lived there until he reached his majority; married to Jane Foster at Chatham, Ottawa, Rose county, October 27, 1848, by William Mair, witnesses, James Gownlock and Adam Broadie. Came to Iowa in 1882, locating first on a farm in Dresden township, Chickasaw county; lived there five years, then sold the farm and moved into the town of Fredericksburg. Two children were born to this union, James Alexander

and Anna. Anna married James McFaul; she died August 18, 1889 and is buried in Rose Hill cemetery. Mr. Broadie and wife are going gently down the stream of life living to a good age.

ROBERT SWANGER.

Robert Swanger, son of Christian and Esther Swanger, was born in Middleton, Union county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1843. At the age of ten years his parents brought him to Wisconsin. In 1876 he married Miss Caroline Loveless, who was born in Moriah, Essex county, New York, in the year 1850. The summer of 1869, they came to Iowa, Fredericksburg township. They took up 160 acres of land and reside on the same farm today. His farm comprises 240 acres. Their first child was born in Wisconsin. Her name is Loie, and she was married to Will Smothers, April 12, 1891. Their second one, a boy, was born April 25, 1874. His name is Heman. He married Alice Hubbard, December 24, 1896. Cora was born January 22, 1876 and was married to John Ogg, February 10, 1892, and lives in Minnesota. Bertha was born May 28, 1878 and married Will Elliott. Nellie was born July 26, 1880. Stella was born July 22, 1883. Laura was born August 3, 1886. Ruth was born August 21, 1887. Wilson was born July 9, 1890, lives at home. Mr. Swanger has excellent buildings on his farm, and can live comfortably. He was a soldier in the 23rd Wisconsin Infantry and receives a pension.

JAMES K. CORNELL.

James K. Cornell was born in Canada, West, in 1822, the second son of Mary and Moses Cornell. At the age of twenty-nine years, he left Canada and settled in Boone county, Illinois. In 1861 he removed to Deleware county, Iowa. He came to Fredericksburg township in 1869 and settled on section fourteen, on 165 acres of land. In the year 1842 he was married to Sallie Payson, a native of New York. Fifteen children came to from this union, eleven of whom are living. The living are Minerva, Mary, James, Martha, Harriett, Melissa, Sarah, Eva and Effie, twins, Bertha and William. The dead are Moses, Emma and Orran and Orion, twins. The children are married and are scattered about within Iowa. Mr. Cornell died October 12, 1886. Mrs. Cornell sold the farm and bought a house and lot in town. Mrs. Cornell died September 12, 1899.

WM. BEE.

Wm. Bee, son of Edward and Elizabeth Bee, was born in Canada, February 19, 1837. He was married in Canada, January 5, 1858, to Agnes Ainslie, and came to Iowa, April 3, 1878, locating on a farm in Stapleton township. In 1890 he sold his farm in Stapleton township and came to Fredericksburg. He lived there two years, then bought a farm of 160 acres on section eighteen, known as the Quackenbush place. He was elected secretary of the Fredericksburg Butter Factory in 1895 and held that

position for nine years. Seven children were born to them: George Edward, who died in Canada; Ida C., born September 1, 1861, married to John I. Eygabroad, June 6, 1891 and lives at Gary, South Dakota; Ruba E., born in 1863 and died in Canada; W. Everett, born October 5, 1866, drowned at Cedar Rapids, January, 18, 1888; Mary Jane, born February 27, 1869, married to Albert E. Sellers, January 9, 1889; A. Louis, born March 8, 1873, died January 31, 1890; Alfred J. born March 11, 1878, married to Effie E. Eastland December 18, 1901. Mr. Bee left the farm and moved into town January 8, 1902.

JAMES ALEXANDER BROADIE.

James Alexander Broadie was born in Canada, September 26, 1849. Son of Michael and Jane Broadie; married in Canada to Isabella McKinnon. Came to Iowa in 1882; located on section 1, Dresden township, buying the farm of Edward and Elizabeth Buckley. Children born to this union; James, Ethel Olive, John Albert, Jane Isabelle, Lauchlin and an infant unnamed. Lauchlin and infant died. Jane Isabelle, wife, died February 15, 1890. Mr. Broadie married second time to Addie Hubbard in 1892. No children to second marriage. He owns 220 acres of land.

JULIUS P. THORNE.

Julius P. Thorne, son of Hiram W. and Au-

relia Thorne; born in Oneida county, N. Y., April 26, 1826; grew to manhood in his native place. The 18th day of January 1852, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Golly. In 1854, with his wife and daughter Lillie, he came to Winnebago county, Illinois. Six children were born to this union: Lillie, Clarence, Everett, Frank, Martha, Janellie and Winfield. Came to Iowa September 14, 1877 and to Fredericksburg township in 1884. Lives on section six, owns a quarter section of land. Lillie, the eldest daughter, and Janellie, wives of David and Clarence Lowry, live within sight of their father and mother, and can go to their home within fifteen minutes. Their son Clarence lives at Redlands, California; he married Hattie Howe, daughter of LaFayette and Mary Howe. Frank is engaged in the mercantile business in Fredericksburg; he married a Miss Sanborn of Pecatonica, Illinois. Everett lives in Illinois. Winfield married Miss Eva M. BenThuyssen, he lives on the home farm. J. P. Thorne and wife spent the winters of 1901-2 and 1905-6 in California with their son Clarence and wife.

HENRY COLT.

Henry Colt, eldest son of William L. and Lucy (Armstrong) Colt. Came to Fredericksburg township with his father in 1869. He married Miss Anna Herrick, daughter of J. H. and Elizabeth Herrick. They lived here a number of years. He owned a 120 acres on

section 21. This place he sold and went into Emmet county in 1892, locating at Swan Lake where he worked at his trade, that of a blacksmith. They had one child when they went from here, a girl named Elizabeth. They now reside at Gruver, a new town on the B. C. R. & N. railway.

WILLIAM I. COLT, JR.

William I. Colt, Jr., third son of William I. and Lucy (Armstrong) Colt, came here with his father in 1869. He married Miss Alice O'Brien of Bremer county. He first located on the northeast half of section 21, 200 acres. It is known as the Charles Mabie farm. He lived on this farm several years, he then sold and moved into town, going into the livery business. This business he sold in 1899, and went back to farming on land that he owned on the southeast quarter of the same section, 120 acres. They have three children, two boys and a girl. Sold out here in 1902, and moved to Moscow, Idaho.

AREL E. COLT.

Arel E. Colt, first son of Wm. I. and Rhoda (Martin) Colt, was born in this township. He received a common school education. Worked at home upon the farm until his mother's death, April 27, 1900. He then started out for himself, spent some time in Colorado, then went to Oskaloosa, Iowa, and went to work for an express company. He married Anna Bishop,

daughter of George and Helen (Eastman) Bishop, in September 1901. They began house-keeping in Oskaloosa, where they remained until the month of April, 1902, when Mr. Colt resigned his position with the express company and came here to spend the summer of 1902. He is still here on the farm of George Bishop. They have no children.

WILLIAM R. DAWSON.

William R. Dawson, son of Thomas and Sarah (McNaughton) Dawson, was born in the state of Illinois, near Chicago. His father was born in Yorkshire, England, his mother was Scotch. He came here with his father in 1882. In 1887, he married Loretta U. Colt, daughter of Wm. I. and Rhoda (Martin) Colt. Their first child, a son, was born August 17, 1888, in Dresden township. Mr. Dawson bought a farm of 160 acres—80 acres on section 28, and 80 acres on section 24. They have three living children, two boys and one girl. They lost a little boy babe. The farm here they sold and the fall of 1901 removed to Whittier, California.

EDGAR A. HURMENCE.

Edgar A. Hurmence lives on section 30, Bethel township, Fayette county. He is an extensive land owner, and the bulk of his land lies in Fredericksburg township. The subject of this sketch was born in Columbia county, state of New York in 1853, being the eldest

son of Alfred and Catherine (Clow) Hurmence. The Hurmence family, of Holland extraction, was established during colonial days upon the banks of the Hudson river. Edgar A., came with his parents when eleven years of age, to Independence, Iowa, where he acquired a common school education and was reared to manhood. January 1, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Frances Ann Norman, a native of Ohio, daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Taylor) Norman, who were natives of England. Mr. and Mrs. Hurmence came to Fayette county in 1880, where he purchased an improved farm of 240 acres. Since then he has purchased land, adding to his original farm until he owns 640, all under a high state of cultivation. Upon his farm are four dwellings, his own home being a substantial and tasty residence which he built at a cost of \$4,000.00, and is supplied with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Mr. Hurmence is a breeder of Durham cattle and Poland China hogs. He is one of the wealthy citizens of the township. In politics he is a Republican. His wife belongs to the Methodist church. Seven children have blessed this union: Luella, March 14, 1878; Fred, March 8, 1880; Edith, February 21, 1882; Charlie, March 30, 1884; Willie, January 30, 1886; Ida, February 3, 1888; Edgar, August 10, 1890. We acknowledge our obligations to the Portrait and Biographical Album of Fayette County for the above sketch.

Mr. Hurmence is the President of the Sumner Telephone Company.

DR. LEONARD A. STEARNS.

Dr. Stearns came here in 1878 or 1879. He remained here until 1882 when he went to Nashua. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Faulkner, bought the drug stock of Pitts & Padden for him. This stock he moved to Nashua. After a year or more there he skipped the ranch and has never returned. Three children were born to these parents. The first one, a boy, died soon after birth; the second one, Lee, is in Missouri; Jennie is with her mother. Mrs. Stearns is still a widow. Lives at Rockford, Illinois.

DEWITT SCHANCE.

DeWitt Schanck was born in Wheeling, Illinois, in 1857, and came with his parents to Iowa in 1872. They located in Fayette county, near Waucoma. He married at Fort Dodge, May 4, 1881, Miss Allada Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Young. He came to Fredericksburg in 1889, and opened a hotel and livery stable; one year later he rented the Julien House which he managed three years up to 1893, then went back to his own house. He died September 24, 1894. Four children were born to them: Maud, Carl, Hazel and Mada. Maud married Lloyd Farnum June 1, 1892; they live at Mason City. Carl died in infancy. Hazel and Mada live with their mother.

GUY ADAMS.

Guy Adams came here from Fairbanks, Ia.

He was born in the state of New York, Cataraugus county. Son of A. B. and Roby [Howe] Adams. Married at Fairbanks, Iowa, in 1862, to Mary West. Came to Fredericksburg in 1886. Children born to them: Charles, Julia, Earnest, Eva and Walter. Charles is married and lives in Nebraska; Julia married W. T. Waggoner, they live at Waverly, Iowa; Earnest married Daisy Brace, they live at Hayfield, Minnesota; Eva married John Freemire, he is dead, she is a widow; Walter is single, lives at Hayfield, Minnesota. Mr. Adams is a carpenter by trade.

LAFAYETTE HOWE.

LaFayette Howe came here from Owatonna, Minnesota, somewhere about 1868. His wife, Mary, was a Tisdale. They had six children: Agnes, Lillie, Ella, Frank, Minnie and Hattie. Mr. Howe and wife owned and kept the hotel "Julien" for several years having bought it from William Johnson in 1879. After the railway came they moved the house down to Main street and rented it. Mrs. Howe died in California when on a visit to her daughter there. Mr. Howe married a second wife, Mrs. Freemire, she is dead. He owns a place in town. Agnes is in California; she has taught school about thirty years; she is a graduate of Stanford University. Lillie married Met Linderman, they have a fine farm and home in Dresden township. Ella is married and lives in California. Frank is married, lives in Nebraska; Minnie married a lawyer in Des

Moines; Hattie married Clarence Thorne, lives at Redlands, California.

ALBERT VANTASSEL.

Albert VanTassel was born in Schuyler county, New York, April 1846. Son of Oliver and Phoebe VanTassel. Came west with his parents who located in North Washington, Chickasaw county. From there they moved to Leroy township, Bremer county, where Albert was married to Mary A. Swale, daughter of John and Ann (Stabler) Swale, the 25th day of December, 1871. Children born to these parents: Bertha A., June 30, 1874; Roy and Ray [twins] June 3, 1876; Mary Alberta, January 15, 1886, she died January 22, same year; Bertha born in Palo Alto county; Roy and Ray in Bremer county; Mary A., in New Hampton township. Mr. VanTassel sold his farm and moved into town in 1890. Mrs. Van Tassel died January 17, 1900. Mr. Van Tassel was in the war, 38 Iowa Infantry Company C.

GEORGE HUNT.

George Hunt was born in England. Married there to Mary Dawson. Came to America in the seventies. Lived on the Pennington farm in Bremer county several years. Bought a farm in Bremer county, Sumner township, 160 acres, upon which he built an excellent farm house and barn. Three children were born to this union, Mary, Herbert and Anna. Mary

died while they lived on the Pennington farm. Herbert married Isabelle Barker, daughter of George and Isabelle [Swale] Barker. Anna married Edward Barker. They have been divorced and she is now the wife of Will Marsh. After years of hard work George Hunt built for himself and wife a house on a forty that he owned in this township. To this place they moved and prepared to take the world a little easier, renting the old place. Here Mrs. Hunt died the summer of 1899. Cause of death, cancer of the breast. Mr. Hunt still keeps this place, but the original farm he sold to his son Herbert, buying of him 40 acres next to his giving him an 80 acre farm. Mr. Hunt is a typical Englishman in build and ruggedness, and a much respected citizen. He has entered into a second marriage.

FRED KLOTZ

Fred Klotz [German] came to this township in the year 1890. He bought of Mrs. Sarah Ellsworth 82 acres of the southeast quarter of section 17. Here he lived for several years. This farm he sold and bought of Edmund Elliott, 80 acres in the southeast corner of section 9, and 34 acres in the northeast corner of section 16, making him a farm of 114 acres. On the 80 he has built a comfortable dwelling house and barn. Five children were born to these parents: Herman, Will, Carolina, Emma, and Gustave. Mrs. Klotz's maiden name was Lenow. They are frugal, industrious and a prosperous family.

FRED NIEWOHNER.

Fred Niewohner came to Iowa from Wisconsin. His wife's maiden name was Louisa Neiman. When they came to Iowa they settled in Fayette county. Afterwards they moved to Manly, Worth county. A few years spent there then they came to this township and bought the farm owned by Joseph H. Benedict. This was in 1893, and here he has since resided. Children born to this family: Herman, George, Henry, Martha, Herbert, August, Laura, Emma and Hertha—two dead. Mr. Niewohner is a very thorough farmer and owns one of the five farms of the township. His buildings are good ones and ample for all the needs of the farm. He has a fine orchard and much small fruit. He is a steady going, money making German, and one of the staunch farmers of Chickasaw county.

DAN POND.

Dan Pond was born in Shoreham, Vermont, December 24, 1813. Son of Munson Pond. He was married in Vermont to Polly Munger. They moved to Wisconsin in 1844, settling in Dane county. Came to Fredericksburg in 1858. Children born to this union: Henry, Leslie R. C. M., Watson, William and Josie L. Mr. Pond was post master but did not attend to the office, Elisha Smith, deputy, did the work. He was also a hotel keeper, and kept the Fountain House for a number of years. He was in the

hotel business in Wisconsin for years. He died May 18, 1899, and was buried in Rose Hill. Mrs. Pond is still living.

EDWARD B. BUCKLEY.

Edward B. Buckley and his wife, Elizabeth, with one daughter came here from Dubuque in 1870. He first bought a farm in Dresden township. This he sold and bought the land now owned by the Whitcomb's on section 16, 160 acres. Mr. Buckley spent the summers on the Mississippi river as steward on some of the large river packets, one of which was the St. Paul. He was a very popular man on the river. Mrs. Buckley was a daughter of Judge Kerr of Woodstock, Illinois. After selling his farm Mr. Buckley lived in town. Mrs. Buckley died Nov. 2, 1888. Mr. Buckley died August 2, 1895. Both are buried at Rose Hill.

JOHN H. ELLISON.

John H. Ellison was born April 23, 1844, in Hamilton county, Indiana, son of Darius and Hannah L. Ellison. His mother died when he was a boy. He came with his father to Minnesota in 1858, where he spent his boyhood days. In 1864 he enlisted in the 11th Minnesota regiment and served to the close of the war. In 1868 he came to Iowa and commenced farming in Fredericksburg township on the land where he now lives. He was married to Orinda Eager, a native of New York State, in

1870. They have four children: Erva, Lillian, Claude and Glen. They lost two by diphtheria in 1880, Porter Alonzo and Orin Henry. Mr. Ellison has 320 acres of land, fine buildings.

ERVIN SWANGER.

Ervin Swanger was born in Snider county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1845. When eight years of age he came with his parents to Columbia county, Wisconsin. There he grew to manhood. At the age of twenty he went to the war. After his return he married Emma Tillotson of Hampden, Wisconsin, July 3, 1867. Remained there two years and then came to Fredericksburg township, Chickasaw county, Iowa, and located on section 15, 120 acres, section 23, 80 acres. Here this family lived for twenty years. The past thirteen years they have lived in Fredericksburg. Five children were born to this union, Millie, born March 22, 1870, died October 11, 1874; Flora Belle, born June 15, 1873, she is the wife of Bert Dayton; Bertie, born July 22, 1878, died December 17, 1881; Jesse E., born March 10, 1884; Hazel E., born March 28, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Swanger have worked hard and they have now of this world's goods enough laid by to carry them through to the end of the road without any further worry. They now live in Waterloo, Iowa.

JOHN D. HERRICK.

John D. Herrick, son of J. H. and Elizabeth

(Eldret) Herrick, was born in the state of New York. Came to Iowa, Chickasaw county, Fredericksburg township, with his parents. Married in July, 1885, to Della Richardson, daughter of Thomas and Flora (Harvey) Richardson. Went onto his farm in section 2, which now comprises 255 acres. Here he began the struggle of an Iowa farmer. To open a farm, cultivate it, erect even cheap buildings, and keep one's self square with the world is no small task. Mr. Herrick did all this and more. To-day he owns one of the finest of farms with buildings upon it that are an honor to the township. Six children blessed this union: Elizabeth, Ben Harrison, Harvey, Harry, Dorothy and Lorimer. Ben Harrison was named after President Harrison. Mr. Herrick informed the president by letter of the naming, and the president in his own hand acknowledged it in a beautifully written letter. This letter little Ben Herrick will always keep. Harvey died at the age of one year. The rest are living and enjoying excellent health. Mr. Herrick not only raises corn, oats, hay, etc., but he raises apples to a greater extent than any other farmer in the township. The varieties that are the most reliable with him are the Duchess, Wealthy, Haas, Plumb's Cider, Minnesota, Early Strawberry, Whitney No. 20 and Alexander. He also grows a number of hybrids. He grows cherries and plums, blackberries and strawberries. He has over fifty varieties of roses. The favorites are American Beauties, General Washington, General Jack and Madam

Planter. In the way of trees he has about his home catalaps, walnut, butternut, shell bark hickory, spruce, pine, maples—both hard and soft. In the way of cattle he breeds the Holstein Fresian. One-half or more of his herd are thoroughbreds, the balance high grade. He separates his milk at home selling the cream. His yearly sales of cream run from \$800 to \$1000. He raises hogs of the strain known as Duroc Jersey or red hog. He likes them better than the Poland China, because he has reason to believe they will raise more pigs and that they are better mothers. He says that his hogs average when marketed 265 pounds. A few years ago Mr. Herrick built a fine residence, 28x28, 18 foot posts, with a wood shed 14x16. His barn is 68x72. Two hog houses each 28x48. A milk and cream house. All told a typical Iowa farm. He has named his home "Homewood."

WILLIAM BULLOCK, SR.

William Bullock, the elder, came to Iowa in 1865, and settled on section 3. He was English by birth. He died at the home of his son William R., April 25, 1893, at the age of 80 years. His wife died August 30, 1890.

JOHN WHITNABLE,

John Whitnable was born in Germany in 1829, and was married there. He came to America in 1872, locating in Fredericksburg

township in 1875. They were the parents of four children: Benhard, Wilhelm, Otto and Martha. The father is dead. Mrs. Whitnable lives four miles east of Fredericksburg.

R. S. PEASE.

R. S. Pease was born in Plato, Kane county, Ill., April 22, '48, was a son of David and Patience Pease and emigrated here from New York State to Illinois in 1855. R. W. Pease was married February 27, 1868, to Mary A. Green, and came to Fredericksburg township in February, 1875, locating on a farm of 120 acres on section 27, then known as the Al Frame place, and lived in the only log house between Fredericksburg and Wilson's Grove. They have three children; the eldest, Mable, is now Mrs. William Goodall, and at this time is living on the farm formerly known as the Hulburt place, in this township and is owned by R. S. Pease. Roy Pease married Alma E. Orvis and lives on the farm of Mrs. S. N. Orvis, two and one-half miles north of Sumner. "Nora," is Mrs. V. C. Austin and is living on what was know as the Michaelas farm. R. S. Pease left his farm and moved to Sumner, Bremer county, the fall of 1893. He is a very much alive man and is a money saver.

JOHN W. PEASE

John W. Pease was born in Plato, Kane county, Illinois, July 5, 1852, was married to

Libbie S. Green in April 1874, coming to this township the same month, locating on section twenty-six, 120 acres. They have two children, Earl S. and Lida E. Earl married Miss Mae Cook of Bradgate, Humbolt county, Iowa, where they now reside. Lida E. married Fred Bradburn, who also lives at Bradgate. John W. Pease lives at West Bend, Palo Alto county, Iowa. He sold his farm here to Elmer Miller.

CLARENCE LOWRY.

Clarence Lowry, son of Marcus and Hannah Lowry, was born in Winnebago county, Ill., in December, 1857, where he spent his boyhood days. He was married in 1879 to Kate Conger, who died the spring of 1881, leaving no children. He married a second time in December, 1886, to Martha Janellie Thorne. They came to Fredericksburg township in 1887 and bought a farm on section six. Two children were born to this union; Julius Lindsey and Clinton Elbert. Mr. Lowry raises some fine horses of the Cleveland Bay breed.

A. H. LOWRY.

A. H. Lowry, an older brother of the Lowry family, was born in Winnebago county, Ill. In 1881 he married Luella Carpenter of Peca-tonica, Illinois. They came to this township in 1889 and bought the Thomas P. Vokes farm of his brother, Clarence, who bought it from the Vokes estate. They have three children,

Hazel, Glenn and Homer. The spring of 1901 he rented his farm and, with his family, went back to Illinois. His present residence is Peca-tonica. This man, Lowry, deals largely in horses, fine drivers, which he buys, breaks and matches for the Chicago market. He is a born horseman.

DAVID LOWRY.

David Lowry, son of Marcus and Hannah Lowry, was born in the state of Illinois, Winnebago, county, where he spent his minority. February 29, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Thorne, daughter of Julius P. and Elizabeth Thorne, who, the year prior, had removed from Winnebago county, Illinois, to Iowa, settling on the Salisbury farm in Stapleton township. Immediately after the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lowry, they went to the state of Nebraska and located on a farm near Fairmont. Here they lived five years, and here their first and only child was born; a son whose name is Claude. Mr. Lowry sold out in Nebraska and came here with his family. He bought the farm they now live upon of Thomas Malloy, a fractional quarter, 137.09 acres. Not long after he bought of Edward Buckley 160 acres on section 1, Dresden township, and in the spring of 1901, he bought of D. Mack, 80 acres in the north-east quarter of the same section. He now has an excellent farm of nearly 400 acres. Like the rest of the Lowry's, he

loves good horses and he raises them. Mrs. Lowry and her son are very much engaged in the poultry business and yearly they raise from two to three hundred of the famous Plymouth Rock fowls. They raise good ones, such as take first prizes at the poultry shows.

JOHN CLAPHAM.

John Clapham, son of Thomas and Sarah Clapham, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1829. He married in England in 1854, came to America in 1856, and settled in Utica township, Chickasaw county, Iowa, then removed to Illinois and staid there nearly two years, then back to Iowa. After seven years, himself and wife spent nineteen months visiting in England. They came to Fredericksburg township in October 1900. Had four children: Thomas, John Mitchell, George Oliver, and Sarah Anna. Thomas died in New York City when they came to this country. Anna is also dead. John M. lives in Minnesota; George Oliver lives on the farm he bought of C. A. Simpson. Mr. and Mrs. Clapham live in a cosy little home just on the outskirts of this village.

ALLEN FRAME.

Allen Frame and wife, Carrie J., came to this township about 1870. Located on section 27, on the farm owned by R. S. Pease. He built a log house, the only one on the prairie. They lost one daughter while here, Mertie May,

who fell from a box head downwards striking a ten penny nail which was driven through a board point up. The nail penetrated the skull piercing the coronary artery, causing death in a few moments; this was August 12, 1874. Mr. Frame and wife went to Michigan to live about the year 1876.

PETER WAGGONER.

Peter Waggoner was born in the state of Wisconsin of German parents, in 1855. He was the son of Thomas and Mary Waggoner. He came to Iowa in 1885 and worked four years for John Dayton on his farm. He was married in October 1886 to a daughter of Robert Edgar of Williamstown. Went onto his farm on section 14, the north half of the north-east quarter. They have two children, both boys, Floyd and Newell. Mr. Waggoner is a successful farmer, and lays by some money every year. He now owns 100 acres of land.

MONROE S. ELLISON.

Monroe S. Ellison, son of Darius and Zarilda Ellison, was born June 19, 1857; came with his parents to Fredericksburg township in the spring of 1868. He was married June 24, 1883 to Idella V. Smith of Fredericksburg. This wife died October 3, 1886. Married the second time to Miss Ida E. Alchet, of Indiana. Six children were born to this union: Eugene, Nora, Noel, Sherill, infant not named, and

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WILLIAM FLAGGENKULE.

Willam Plaggenkule lives on the northeast quarter of section 24. He is a brother of Frederick Plaggenkule. He is a prosperous farmer and influential citizen. He has been on his land some twenty years. He was born in Hanover, Germany and came with his parents to America. Married and settled in Fredericksburg in 1872 or 1873, we think.

J. A. D. MILNE.

James Alexander Duncan Milne, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, August 27, 1850. He was a son of Alexander and Patience Jamima Milne, and left New York in 1863 for Clayton county, Iowa. The 16th day of February, 1873, he married Sarah Elizabeth Hansel, daughter of John and Mary Maria Hansel.

They came to Fredericksburg township in March, 1875, locating on a farm of 160 acres, on section 11-94-11. They have five children: Patience Maria, born January 25, 1874, in Clayton county; Hattie, born in Fredericksburg township, July 13, 1879; Jessie, born March 24, 1881; Minnie, born October 12, 1884, and Alexander, the only boy in the family. Patience married Will Whitnable, they live on the farm once owned by Samuel Steadman. Jessie married Edwin Ott, they now live on the Cornell farm, which we believe they own. Hattie married William Klotz; Minnie married Warren Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Milne are members of the German Baptist church. They own 160 acres of land but do not live on it as Mr. Milne has an implement business in Fredericksburg.

FRANK GITCH, SR.

Frank Gitsch, son of Gotleib and Hannah Gitsch, was born in Prussia, in 1842. He came to America in 1861, and in April 1869, he was married to Eliza Schutz at Minneapolis. He lived at McGregor one year, then moved to Plainfield, Iowa, coming to Fredericksburg township in 1889. He bought a farm of 160 acres known as the James Potter place, one mile south of town. He sold this place to Charles A. Moody and bought on section 20. In the fall of 1900 he rented the farm and moved to his present home in town. Ten children came to this union: Frank, Edward,

Oscar, Dora, Lewis, Ina, Nina, Chris, Mamie and Johnnie. Two are dead, Mamie and Oscar. Frank married Kate Eygabroad; Edward married Eva Cornell; Dora married William Eygabroad; Oscar married Alice Alcott, he died during the winter of 1901-2; Ina married Amil Block; Lewis married Alice Gitsch, widow of Oscar Gitsch; Nina married Roy VanTassel.

LEMI GROVER.

Lemi Grover was born in the town of Machias, Cattaraugus county, New York, in 1835. Son of John and Sarah (Burbank) Grover. His parents moved to Harrison, Winnebago county, Illinois, when he was three years of age. Here young Grover grew to manhood. His father bought his land of the U. S. government and lived upon it all of his days. The father died May 11, 1864; the mother October 13, 1859. The winter of 1856, Lemi spent in Michigan. In the year of 1857, he went to Pike's Peak, returning the same year. The winter of 1858 he spent in Illinois at the old home, where he married Eliza M. Stewart in 1860. They remained on the old farm until 1865, when with his family he came to Fredericksburg, arriving May 11. He purchased of F. Woods Barron and Mrs. Polly Pond, 80 acres in Dresden township, section 13, and 21 acres on section 18, Fredericksburg township. He also bought several pieces of timber land. Four children born to them: A. P., Lottie B., Lura V. and Charles L. A. P. is single, lives in town. Lottie mar-

ried Oscar Judge; Lura married Wallie Benedict; Charles married Alice C. Dillon of Belle Plane, Iowa.

HARRY B. CARPENTER.

Harry B. Carpenter was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., August 15, 1831. Son of Ethel and Sally (Curry) Carpenter. Married January 23, 1853, to Mary Matilda VanGordon, daughter of Issac S. and Deborah Ann VanGorden, at Horsehead, N.Y. Moved to Pennsylvania then back to New York state. Four children were born to these parents, Hannah A., born January 16, 1856, in N. Y.; Geo. H., October 10, 1858, in Pennsylvania; Zopher born November 20, 1862; Bertha Irene, born in Fredericksburg February 1, 1871. Mr. Carpenter moved to Wisconsin in 1863; to Fredericksburg, Iowa in 1865. Hannah A. married William Bradley, December 6, 1877. They live in Wisconsin. George H. married Alice Gilbert, May 21, 1880; Bertha Irene married Fred Brown, November 27, 1887; Zopher died March 14, 1876. Mr. Carpenter went to the war from Wisconsin. He has been Justice of the Peace for twenty years. He served two terms as mayor of Fredericksburg.

GEORGE S. MORRIS.

George S. Morris was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1827. Son of Thomas and Mary (Benward) Morris. From his native state he went to Wisconsin, Grant county, in 1853.

Married to Anna Barmore, in the year 1857. Came to Fredericksburg in 1870. His wife died December 23, 1899. Married second time to Miss Catherine Thornberger October 25, 1900.

AARON WESTON.

Aaron Weston, was born in Essex county, New York, May 6, 1820. While a young man he moved to Wisconsin, where he married Mary E. Thompson of Jefferson county. Came to Fredericksburg township in 1876. Located on the southeast quarter of section 23, 160 acres. Children: Albert J., Addison H., Eva E. and Abbie. Mrs. Aaron Weston died about 1878, and Mr. Weston 1884—both buried at Maple Grove cemetery. Albert J. married Martha Elliott. Addison H. is single and lives in Alaska. Eva E. is single, lives in Columbus county, Washington. Abbie died at Frankville, Iowa, at the age of two years.

WILLIAM T. HOLMAN.

William T. Holman was born in Utica, New York, October 31, 1822. Son of John and Sally (Main) Holman. Lived during his minority at Rochester, New York. Married to Mary Ann James, March 11, 1845, at Rochester, N. Y. Came to Iowa in 1858, locating at Hardin, Clayton county. Removed to Fredericksburg in July, 1870. Six children blessed this union: Elizabeth, born in Rochester, New York, December 14, 1846; William F., born

February 27, 1851; Charles Edward, born April 28, 1859; Frances Eliza and Emma Florence (twins) born in Hardin, Iowa, November 20, 1863; Carrie Ann, born March 8, 1866, in Covington, Penn. Elizabeth married Rev. J. H. Hoskyn, in June, 1875. William F. married, lives at Kane, Penn. Charles E. died at Hardin, September 3, 1859. Frances E. married Arthur Babcock who died October 16, 1896. Carrie Ann married L. Stansbury, November 2, 1884.

Mr. Holman in 1872, bought the stock of goods owned by Warren & Pitts and went into trade and continued in it until his death, which occurred May 28, 1876. Mrs. Holman died September 11, 1904.

WILHELM BLOCK.

Wilhelm Block (German) came here from Germany in 1875. His means were small. He bought 160 acres of land on section 25. This he paid for in a few years by dint of hard work and rigid frugality. He next bought the Shuler farm, 120 acres in section 26, which he soon paid for. The next move was to buy the A. and A. J. Weston farm adjoining his 160 acres, for which he paid \$8,000. His son Emil lives on this farm which he bought of his father. The Block family numbers six—father and mother and four children, Emil, Ernest, Vernie and Richard. All are at home except Emil, he married Ina Gitsch, September, 1900. In creed the Blocks are Lutherans.

OSCAR N. JUDGE.

Oscar N. Judge, son of Myron and Eliza Judge, came to this county with his parents, and lived with them on their farm in this township until he was married. He married Lottie Grover, and settled on the southeast quarter of section 4, 160 acres, which he still owns. On account of poor health he was obliged to leave the farm, and for a time worked for L. Padden as a salesman in the machine and pump business, but afterwards returned to the farm, where they now reside. They have two children, Iva and Dean.

CHARLES PITTS.

Charles Pitts was born in the state of Massachusetts in the month of October, 1786. His father was an Englishman, born at Bristol, England. His mother was of Scotch extraction. The name at that time was Pitt. How or when the "s" was added we do not know. His father died while his children were young, leaving his widow poor. She was obliged to bind her children out. Charles, like the others, underwent some bitter experiences during his boyhood days. Speaking of those days he said to me: "William, I never had a pair of boots until I earned them after I became my own man. I went barefoot during the summer and did not receive shoes for the winter until long after the frosts came. His education was limited. When twenty-one, he hired out by the

month for the sum of one hundred dollars a year. After one year he went to Vermont and then worked four more years. In the year 1811 he was married to Miss Polly Green Smith of Windsor, Vermont. She was born in Connecticut. With his wife he went to the Dominion of Canada. June 19, 1812 war was declared between the United States and Great Britain. He then had to take the oath of allegiance to the King or get out. He chose the latter, but he lost the few hundred dollars he had invested there. He settled at Crown Point, New York. From there he was drafted into the army. Was sent to Plattsburg; took part in the battle there, was one of the party detached to pull the plank from the bridge, so that the British soldiers could cross only on the stringers, from which they were shot by the cannon. When Perry gained the victory on Lake Erie the war ceased. For his services in the war he received a land warrant for 160 acres of land, and near the close of her life, his widow \$8.00 a month pension. After the war he moved to Rutland, Vermont. From there, in 1825, he moved to Orleans county, New York, town of Yates. In 1840, he moved into Niagara county, town of Hartland. In 1849 he sold his little farm and moved to Rock county, Wisconsin; bought eighty acres of land three miles east of the village of Union. In 1856, he came to Fredericksburg and lived with his son William. His step was feeble, his eyes were dim. He died April 23, 1867. Buried at the West cemetery. Polly G., his wife, our own dear

mother, remained thirteen years longer, dying April 4, 1880, at the ripe age of 85 years. She rests by the side of her husband in the West cemetery. Nine children were born to these people: Five of them died while young. Maria married Jonathan Tuttle in the state of New York; she died at the age of 76 years. Mary Ann married Ralph Ray, of Yorkshire England; she died in 1871. Cyrus S., lives in New London, Conn. Wm. S., lives in Fredericksburg.

CHARLES A. SIMPSON.

Charles A. Simpson was born in the east, but we cannot give his birth place. He married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collin Brooks, of Aurora, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson lived near Republic in this county, some years before coming to Fredericksburg. They came here the spring of 1891 and bought the Wm. Case farm, located in sections 4-5, 160 acres. Here he lived until the fall of 1900, when he sold his farm to G. O. Clapham. He then traded with H. Bassett for some property in town. In the spring of 1901 he went on the B. W. Lowry farm for one year. In the meantime he bought of F. Stapher a farm in Washington township, near Devon where he moved in the spring of 1902. They have two children, Maggie and Collin, both are with their parents. Mr. Simpson served one term as County Supervisor. The entire family are Baptists. They now reside near Aurora, Illinois.

HARVEY GILLAM.

Harvey Gillam was born in Carroll county, Indiana, December 4, 1855. He was the son of James Wesley and Elizabeth Gillam. At four years of age he came with his parents to Jackson county, Iowa, where he lived until 1880, when he came to Fredericksburg township; he was married to Ada Fowler, March 14, 1880. After renting farms for one or two years he bought the west half of the northwest quarter of section 15. They have two children living—Bessie and Gayland. Howard, the youngest, is dead. Mr. Gillam is a minister as well as a farmer; he is a German Baptist or "Dunkard." The family moved away from here several years ago.

WILLIAM HENRY GREMS.

William H. Gremms was born in the town of Western, Oneida county, New York, March 6, 1841. Son of George and Nancy (Vanvolkenburg) Gremms. Lived in New York during the years of his minority. Came to Fredericksburg the fall of 1868. Engaged in the hardware business with his brother George. Married September 1869 to Mary Annette Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Warren. Moved to Nebraska May 1871. Returned to Fredericksburg fall of 1874. Five children born to this union: Bert W., August 18, 1876; Maude, December 24, 1878; Mabel J., October 10, 1880; Jessie M., November 14, 1885; Karl W., April 17, 1893. B. W. Gremms resides in Manchester,

druggist, married November 1902, to Emily Martineau of that city. Maude died February 24, 1901. Mabel J., resides in San Jose, California. Jessie and Karl live at home.

Mr. Grems enlisted August 3, 1863 at Utica, New York, Company "H" 76th N. Y. Vol. Inf. Served with the 76th; transferred to the 147th N. Y.; transferred a second time to the 91st N. Y.; mustered out at Balls Cross Roads, Virginia, July 3, 1865; discharged at Albany, N. Y., July 20, 1865: receives a pension from the U. S. Government. He has served as township clerk for twenty years; has held the office of Justice of the Peace, and for several years has been town Assessor.

FRANK M. APPLEBERRY.

Frank M. Appleberry was born September 10, 1837, in Vigo, county, Indiana. Second son of Jesse F. and Mary Ann Melvin (Blenco) Appleberry. Came with his parents to Iowa in 1851; settled at West Union, Fayette county. Came to Chickasaw county in 1854 in the month of April. His father entered his land the fall of 1853 in Yankee precinct. When the townships were organized this land lay in Dresden township. Frank was married May 8, 1866, to Mary Maria Searl, daughter of O. H. P. and Lucinda Searl. Six children were born to this union: Teresa May, born May 31, 1867, died the same day; Esther Lucinda, born Nov. 17, 1868; Anna Lavina, born September 20, 1871; Clara Emaline, born February 19, 1874;

Robert Henry, born May 20, 1878; Jesse Oliver, born September 8, 1879. Clara Emaline married Pitt Donnelly, November 3, 1895; Anna L. married Leonard Moody, June 28, 1896; Esther Lucinda married G. A. Ellis; Jesse O., married Myrtie G. Keplar, June 14, 1905.

Mr. Appleberry's war record is as follows: Enlisted August 10, 1862, 38th Iowa Volunteers, Company "C". Went with the regiment during the war. Mustered out at Houston, Texas, August 17, 1865. Discharged at Davenport, Iowa in September, 1865. Receives a pension of \$14 per month from the government.

The spring of 1906, he traded his little farm in Dresden township for property in Fredericksburg where he moved May 10th, same year.

ISAAC HADLEY VAIL.

Isaac H. Vail was born in Ithaca, Tompkins county, New York, May 12, 1842. Third son of Godfrey and Minerva (Potter) Vail. Came with his parents to Lake county, Illinois, in 1841. Came to Iowa, July 8, 1853. Married September 3, 1866 to Mary Ann VanTassell. Five children were born to this union: William H., born 1897; Flora, 1869; Myrtle, 1873; Luella, 1878; Margaret S., 1884.

Mr. Vail worked as a farmer for some years, then moved to Fredericksburg taking up the occupation of an axhelve maker which he still follows.

He was drafted into the army in October 1864, 13th Iowa Infantry, Company "I." Mus-

tered out July 1865. Draws a pension.

FRED PEASE.

Fred Pease was born in Dresden township, Chickasaw county, Iowa, January 25, 1856. Son of Webster and Lucy (Older) Pease. He remained on the farm until his father's death, since which time he has been in various places. He now lives in Burlington, Washington. He never married.

NELSON AYERS, ET AL.

Since the years 1853-4 there have been a goodly number of families that have come, remained a short time, and then passed on. We desire to mention them, to say to their heirs, that we have not forgotten these people. Nelson Ayers and family, wife died here; Jack Cole and Wife; the Haleys; the Coryells; J. H. Michener; the Fales family; the Goldsburys; the Fowlers; the Chapmans; Wm. Johnston and family; O. C. Mann and family; the Giffords; the Impsons; the Fullers; the Freemans; the Farnahms; the Stevens, Farchilds and Kelleys.

GEORGE HINKLEY.

Among the early settlers in the southeast part of the township was George Hinkley and wife Ann. He was born in the state of New York in the month of June 1833, his wife in

England in 1842. Her maiden name was Dyke. They came to Iowa in 1866 and to Fredericksburg township in April, 1873. Seven children were born to them: Mary, March 10, 1860; Fred H., August 24, 1861; Allison R., May 7, 1863; Libbie, September 1867; John, December 26, 1869; Jennie, October 21, 1871; Anna, October 5, 1873. John died October 26, 1876; Mary married Frank Griswold, of British Columbia, April 1900; Allison married December 17, 1888, to Hattie Speicher; Libbie married in the year 1891 to E. B. Davis of Omaha; Jennie died of consumption April 9, 1902; Anna married March 1896 to Carl Richardson.

Mr. Hinkley died July 5, 1876. Mrs. Hinkley is still a widow. Moved to Fredericksburg in 1889.

JOHN G. PRATT, SR.

John G. Pratt, Sr., was born in Hebron, Me. Married in Maine. Came to Allamakee county, Iowa in 1856. Here his wife died in January 1866. In the month of April, 1869, he came with his sons Lemuel and Alanson to Fredericksburg township. He died at the home of his son Hiram; I have not the exact date, but it was the seventies. Seven children were born to these parents: Maria, John, Lemuel, Alanson, Hiram, Wilson and Alfred. Maria married Spencer Gillette, he died in 1890; she married for her second husband Henry Beaver; she is now a widow and resides in North Dakota. John died in Waukon, Iowa.

HIRAM G. PRATT.

Hiram G. Pratt, son of John G. Pratt, was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, and came here in 1869; located on section 22. Married Flora Cole; she died April 21, 1878, leaving one daughter named May, who is the wife of Irwin Marshall of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Pratt sold his farm to his brother Lemuel and learned the trade of a butter maker. He married for his second wife, Miss Minnie Linderman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Linderman; they reside in Waterloo, Iowa.

ALANSON PRATT.

Alanson Pratt came to Fredericksburg township in the spring of 1869. In the year 1864 he married Miss Mary B. Tobey. They had three children: Eddie, Clara and Frank. Eddie married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fowler, he lives in Worthington, Minn.; Clara married George Herrick, they live at Waterloo, Iowa; Frank is dead. In 1889 or 1890 Mr. Pratt sold his farm and moved to Waterloo. Here his wife died the winter of 1901-2. He is a widower and still lives at Waterloo.

WILSON PRATT.

Wilson Pratt, son of John G. Pratt, came here with his father in 1869. He studied for the ministry and the last I knew of his whereabouts he was in Jersey City, N. J.

ALFRED PRATT.

Alfred Pratt came here in 1869. He went to Dakota, and I learn he is married. Have no further knowledge of him.

LEMUEL PRATT.

Lemuel Pratt came to Fredericksburg township in 1869. Married in September 1866 to Julia Ogg. Children born to them: Clarence, Lenna, Minnie F. and Olive. Clarence married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wolf, lives in Idaho; Minnie F. married Joseph Parks, lives in Fredericksburg township; Olive married Hugh Adams, lives in this township.

SPENCER GILLETTE.

Spencer Gillette, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, in 1828, son of Joseph and Candace Gillette; was married to Maria Pratt of Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1858; came to Fredericksburg township in 1869, and settled on section 22, west one-half of the southeast quarter. He sold this farm to Levi Miller in 1877, and then went to Kansas. He returned here seven years later. In the meantime he had taken up the practice of dentistry. He died at the farm of Lemuel Pratt a few years since, leaving no children. His wife married Henry Beaver and went to North Dakota where she now lives.

JAMES BAGLEY UPHAM.

James B. Upham, born in town 'Tryingham, Berkshire county, Mass., March 3, 1826. Son of Chester and Rhoda (Hinmann) Upham. Came to the state of New York, Genessee county with his parents when a baby. At the age of twelve years came with his sister to Michigan, Burr Oak, St. Joe county. At the age of nineteen lost his right leg in the cylinder of a threshing machine. When the Michigan Southern Railroad was being constructed through that state he worked on the road; then went to LaSalle, Illinois, then worked for the Illinois Central Railroad, holding the position of foreman over a grading outfit. Married in Burr Oak, Michigan, July 3, 1846 to Susanna Bishop. Came to Iowa, Chickasaw county 1854, located on section 1, Richland township. Entered the most of his land which composed five eighties. Built the first log house in Richland township; lived the first winter without a floor in the house, the nearest neighbor six miles distant—a mile east of where New Hampton stands, on the west twelve miles to Bradford. Ten children born to this union: Clarissa, born in Michigan, died at 18 years of age; four of them died in their infancy; Warren Upham born in Michigan, June 1854; George Calvin born in Iowa, 1857; Eva born 1859, married William Putney, resides at New Hampton; Will, born in 1862, married and lives in South Dakota; Oscar, born 1864, married, lives in Burr Oak, Michigan. Mrs. James B. Upham

died August 5, 1889. Mr. Upham sold his farm soon after. He was stricken with paralysis, July 28, 1903. Moved to town in the month of May, 1906, where he resides with his son Warren.

LEVI MILLER SMITH.

L. M. Smith was born in the town of Hancock, Delaware county, New York, August 2, 1838; son of Peter and Abigail (Miller) Smith. His father died in the year 1846. Came to Iowa with his mother and step-father, Cyrus Wattles in 1854; settled in Chickasaw county at the village of Chickasaw. Married Antoinette D. Mead, May 27, 1866. Six children born to this union: Nina Hellen, August 19, 1867; Fay Mead, April 4, 1870; Myrtle Blanch, August 26, 1872; Florence May, May 5, 1876; Ray L., November 20, 1878; Marie, October 4, 1883.

Nina married Avery Carey, she died April 24, 1902; Fay married Miss Winifred Benedict; Myrtle married Thomas Clark, one child, a boy, now divorced; Florence married George Thomas; Ray is single; Marie married Jeff Parks.

Mr. Smith came to Fredericksburg the fall of 1886; manager for Sherman Bros., in their store; was also a member of the Fredericksburg Mercantile Association; later in business for self; also was one of the firm of Smith, Benedict and Smith. At the present time he is out of business.

ALBERT JAMES WARNER.

A. J. Warner was born in the town of Turtle, Rock county, Wisconsin, January 22, 1844. Son of Hiram and Betsy (Spencer) Warner. Came to Chickasaw county 1865, located on land in New Hampton township—200 acres. Married January 22, 1868 to Mary J. Morgan, daughter of Sylvester and Harriet Morgan. Four children born to this union: Elmer Sylvester, born February 13, 1869; Alice Belle born July 11, 1871; Alta Viola born September 20, 1872; infant born in September 1874, died at once. Elmer married, lives in Sacramento, California; Alice Belle, married October 1892, to Willis T. Mowry of Grayden, Kansas; Alta is single.

Mr. Warner enlisted in the U. S. army the 31st day of October, 1861, Company "F," 13th Wisconsin, Volunteer Infantry; discharged July 17, 1863 at Fort Donnelson, Tenn., by reason of disability; receives a pension of \$10 per month.

Mr. Warner moved to Fredericksburg, Dec. 1, 1902. Mrs. A. J. Warner died at Grayden, Kansas, July 30, 1903. Mr. Warner is still a widower.

JAMES BENSEL LINDERMAN.

James B. Linderman was born in Ithaca, N. Y., August 30, 1830; son of John and Nancy Linderman. Came with his parents to Capron, Boone county, Illinois. Married July 2, 1862,

to Mary Rose Large, an English woman. Came to Iowa in 1862, locating on land in Dresden township. Four children born to these parents: Herbert John, born August 24, 1863; Nellie A., born September 22, 1866; Minnie E., born December 26, 1867; Cury R., born February 22, 1874, died June 30, 1875.

Mr. Linderman moved to Fredericksburg the spring of 1894. Mrs. Linderman died October 2, 1902. Herbert married the fall of 1892, to Mary Belle Brace; Minnie E., married October 23, 1895 to Hiram G. Pratt. Mr. Linderman is still a widower.

GEORGE GREMS.

George Grems born in Oneida county, New York, 1833. Came to Iowa 1866; married in 1854 to Emma Lizer; two children, Charles and Alice, they reside in New York state; wife died 1864; came to Fredericksburg spring of 1869, Engaged in the hardware, blacksmith and wagon business until the year 1883 or 1884. Married Mrs. Caroline Goldsbury, widow, in 1873. In the year 1884, he removed to Emmet county, Iowa, where he now lives.

WILLIAM LYMAN.

William Lyman, the father of Dell Lyman and Mrs. J. H. Benedict, owned 240 acres on section 17. His home for years was in Wisconsin. He came and went, visiting his children. He was a very pleasant, kind hearted man. He has gone to his reward.

COLONEL LOT WHITCOMB.

Colonel Lot Whitcomb was born at Palatine, Illinois, August 23, 1843. Son of Justus and Lovisa (Putnam) Whitcomb. Remained at Palatine until September, 1862, when he enlisted in Company "E," 113th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Served during the war. Discharged at Memphis, Tenn., June, 1865. Mustered out at Chicago, July, 1865. Married September 1868, to Minda C. Webster, of Palatine, Illinois, daughter of Harris and Charlotte Webster. Three children—all boys: Harry, Rollin and Guy F. Harry died in Chicago at three years of age; Rollin died in Palatine at the age of one year.

Mr. Whitcomb moved to Chicago in 1872, where he lived two years; from there to Carpentersville, Kane county, Illinois. Was on a dairy farm for seven years. Came to Fredericksburg township, Iowa, in February, 1883; located on section 16.

Guy Whitcomb was born in Dundee township, Kane county, Illinois, December 18, 1879. Mrs. Whitcomb died January, 1901. Guy was married to Miss Ruby Eastland November 29, 1905. He lives on the farm.

Mr. Whitcomb was the first Vice President of the Fredericksburg Butter Factory organized in 1889; elected president in 1890; served as such until 1903, when he was elected secretary and manager, which position he still holds.

Mr. Whitcomb receives a U. S. pension. He

is still a widower.

JAMES R. WHITCOMB.

James R. Whitcomb was born in Palatine, Illinois, December 1, 1855. Son of Justus and Lovisa (Putman) Whitcomb. Went to Chicago in 1872; from there to Carpentersville, Illinois, where he remained seven years on a dairy farm with his brother C. L. Married at Carpentersville, March 11, 1880, to Ida Belle Webster. One child born at Carpentersville named Floyd, May 14, 1882, lives with his parents. Mr. Whitcomb came to Fredericksburg township, February, 1883, located on section 16. Their second child Blanche, was born August 18, 1885; married April 26, 1906 to Wendell G. Case, resides in this township.

With the Whitcomb brothers came their mother, Lovisa (Putman) Whitcomb and sister Hannah, born in Palatine, April 10, 1852. The mother died May 1897. Hannah married Isaac Ellison, November 29, 1885. One child born to them, a girl named Edna, born June 3, 1888, lives with her mother. Mrs. Ellison was divorced from Mr. Ellison the fall term of court, 1905. She lives in Fredericksburg.

JOHN MORF.

John Morf was born in Switzerland, October 20, 1848, is the fourth son of Henry and Margarete Morf. At the age of twenty-five years he

came to America, settling in the state of Iowa, Stapleton township, Chickasaw county, where he remained four years, then locating in this township on section 24, in 1877. He was married in 1874 to Lena Weber, also a native of Switzerland. Mr. Morf was a very successful farmer, and owned over 400 acres of land. He was well known to many by his celebrated cheese, which he put up in the shape of a brick. He kept Swiss cattle. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Morf: John H., March 10, 1876; George, October 2, 1878; Rudolph, February 24, 1880; Louise, December 24, 1882; Paul, May 4, 1884; Alfred, September 16, 1887; Eliza, December 21, 1889; Felix, May 13, 1893; Albert, April 17, 1894. John H. married May 10, 1898, to Lorinda Miller, lives on a farm near Fayette; George married in 1901 to Anna Brown, lives in Fredericksburg township; Louise married May 2, 1906, to Sherwood B. Zoller, physician, graduate of Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago—class 1905; Rudolph married July, 1906, to Cora Squires in Colorado. The balance of the children are at home.

John Morf died September 21, 1904, of heart disease. At the time of his death he was one of the county supervisors, elected from Fredericksburg, Stapleton and Dresden townships.

SAMUEL HENRY HOLCOMB.

S. H. Holcomb was born in New York City, New York, January 1, 1836. Son of Henry A. and Hannah (Trask) Holcomb. Went with his

parents to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1838. Afterwards to Geauga county, Ohio. Father died when S. H. was nine years old. He then went for himself. Was a sailor for three years on Lake Erie; did anything that he could to make a living for himself. Came to Iowa, Bremer county, 1856. Returned to Ohio the same season on account of the death of his mother; then came west again; worked for the Fox River Valley Company as engineer on steamboat on Fox Lake. The following season went to St. Louis and went on the Mississippi river. In December 1859, came to Fredericksburg. Married September 24, 1860, to Mrs. Cassondaria Cain, of Fredericksburg. Occupation farming. Continued at that business until the year 1886, when he moved to Fredericksburg where he still resides. No children born to this union. In 1902 he entered the employ of the Farmers Produce Association of Fredericksburg as general manager, which position he still holds.

GEORGE C. JONES.

George C. Jones was born March 4, 1836, in Cayuga county, New York. Came with his parents to Kendall county, Illinois, 1838. Came to Iowa, Chickasaw county, 1855; settled in Dresden township. Married Melissa A. Russell May 16, 1865, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Sickner) Russell. Five children: Henry C., born April 22, 1866; Amy, born October 4, 1869; Celia, born December 20, 1876; Prudy,

born November 13, 1880; Neal, born August 11, 1889, died August 17, 1889. Henry is married, lives in California; Amy married Moses Hood, November 3, 1898, lives in Dresden township on farm; Celia married July 25, 1894, to Frank Kolthoff, reside in Dresden township on a farm; Prudy married February 14, 1901, to Walter Muir, residence Spokane, Washington.

Mr. Jones moved to town March 5, 1901. Still owns farm in Dresden township.

JOHN S. RUSSELL.

John S. Russell was born in West Monroe, Oswego, county, New York, November 23, 1833; son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Sickner) Russell. Came with his parents to Lake county, Illinois in 1848. Lived there six years. Married November 23d 1854 to Mary Emeline Potter daughter of Alanson and Selphina Potter. Came to Iowa Chickasaw county July 3, 1855. Located in Dresden township, where he remained three months, then moved to Auburn, Fayette county. Returned to Chickasaw county in 1860, occupation farming. Five children born to these parents. Frank A. born at Auburn, October 17-18th 1855. Cordine born February 18, 1859. Selphina Ellen born in Dresden township January 27, 1865. Lemi born October 5th 1871. Leburn born July 7, 1874. Lemi died at Fredericksburg January 16, 1879. Frank married for his first wife Clara E. Mitchell of Clayton county, Iowa, August 24, 1884. She died December 3d, 1887—leaving one child

a son named Royal. For his second wife he married Almed G. Randall August 11, 1889, married by Geo. W. Noble (now of Denver). Frank lives at Forest City, Iowa, no children by second wife. Cordine married Mary I. Leach October 28, 1888 married by Geo. Bishop. Is a farmer in Fredericksburg township. Selphina is single, lives with her parents. Leburn C. married Libbie L. Adams, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Adams, August 10th, 1895, married by Rev. A. B. Fickle, lives in Fredericksburg. Royal son of Frank and Clara Russell was born in Hebron Thayer county December 7, 1870. He is married, lives in Oelwein, is in the employ of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company. John Russell sold his farm and moved to Fredericksburg the fall of 1892.

SUMNER P. MOORE.

S. P. Moore was born in Milford Center, Union county, Ohio, June 9th, 1849, son of Thomas and Emily (Payne) Moore. Came with his parents to Clayton county, Iowa, in 1856. Came to Fredericksburg the fall of 1866, married the 7th of January 1868 to Miss Jennie Parks, daughter of Ben B. and Marinda [Hinton] Parks who was born October 23, 1861. Seven children born to these parents: Walter, August 7, 1885; Ben, March 22, 1888; Clinton, July 22, 1890; Hallie, November 7, 1892; Linn, November 5, 1894; Winona, Oct. 27, 1898; infant son born May 22, 1900, died before named; Hallie died

October 3, 1900.

Mr. Moore is now serving his fourth term as Justice of the Peace. Was appointed Notary Public in 1903.

JOHN WAGGONER.

John Waggoner was born in Germany, July 12, 1844. Came with his parents to America in 1848. They settled in Wisconsin at Beaver Dam. John lived there until he enlisted in the army, August 11, 1862, 23d Wisconsin, Company "G," Volunteer Infantry. Served during the war. Mustered out July 4, 1865, at Mobile, Alabama; discharged at Madison, Wisconsin. Married the fall of 1865 to Uphelia Hallett of Beaver Dam. She died the spring of 1867. One child a son, William T. Married a second time the fall of 1869 to Miss Almira Mourer of Columbus, Wisconsin. No children by second marriage. Came to Iowa the fall of 1869; lived on a farm until 1890 when he moved to Fredericksburg. He draws a pension of \$17.00 a month.

AUGUST LADWIG.

A. F. Ladwig was born in Germany. Came to America with his parents. Came to Iowa, locating in Bremer county. He was married in 1876 to Ada Knight, daughter of Mr. Albert Knight. Occupation, a farmer. Came to Fredericksburg township in 1881. Six children born to this union: Ada, Chris, Grace, Erwin,

Katie and Glenn. Erwin died July 14, 1895. None of these children are married. Grace and Kate carry on dress making at Sumner. Mr. Ladwig carries on a farm of 340 acres.

C. O. KINGSBURY.

C. O. Kingsbury and wife came here from the state of Massachusetts in 1857. They run the Hotel Juliann for three months the fall of 1857. In 1859 they moved to a farm on sections 10 and 11—160 acres. In 1862, he enlisted in the army, Company "C" 38th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Mustered out in 1865. He then returned to his farm, where he lived until his death which occurred August 10, 1876. Mrs. Kingsbury remained a widow until the spring of 1887, when she married Seth Martin of New Hampton. She died at New Hampton, August 31, 1903.

JOSEPH ELLISON.

Joseph Ellison was born in Madison county, Indiana, December 11, 1839. Son of Darius and Hannah (Hamilton) Ellison. Went with parents to Rochester, Minn. in April 1856. Enlisted in 1861, 2d Minnesota, Co. "B," Volunteer Infantry. Served through the war. Discharged at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, October, 1865. Mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky. Came to Fredericksburg, November 24, 1868. Married March 10, 1866 to Mrs. Charlotte Crissman of Rochester, Minn. Carried on a farm until

1883. Moved to Fredericksburg. When the railway came he became mail carrier from railway to postoffice; also carried on the business of draying. In the year 1901, he went to the soldiers home at Marshalltown where he now lives. His wife left him and obtained a divorce. She is married again and lives in Minneapolis.

DR. ELEAZER HOMER OLMSTEAD.

Dr. E. H. Olmstead was born in the state of Vermont in the year 1822. Graduated from Berkshire Medical College at Pittsfield, Mass., at the age of twenty-five.

Married Eunice Farrar in 1851. Came west in 1852, settling at Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Came to Fredericksburg the spring of 1865. Here he practiced medicine and sold drugs until January 1872 when he sold his stock of drugs and moved to New Hampton where he opened a drug store. He died in New Hampton September 12, 1885 aged 63 years. Mrs. E. H. Olmstead died at New Hampton the first week in June 1885 at the age of 64. Her obituary in the New Hampton Tribune is dated June 9th, 1885. One son came to this union, born July 28, 1855 at Sheboygan, Wisconsin. His name is Newton, his residence New Hampton, Iowa. He married Miss Hattie Gardner. They have a son named Harry. Newton is the senior member of the firm of Olmstead & Gardner dealers in drugs.

CHRISTIAN AUGUST MOHLING.

Christian A. Mohling, senior member of the firm of C. A. Mohling & Son, general merchants, was born in Apelern, Germany, December 11, 1841. Son of John and Wilhemina (Pooch) Mohling. Came with his parents to America in 1852; located at Bloomingdale, Illinois. Came to Iowa in 1857; located in Jefferson township, Bremer county. Enlisted in 1862, Company "B" 14th Iowa Infantry. Mustered out at Davenport, November 21, 1864; pension \$10 per month.

Mr. Mohling was married in June 1866, to Wilhemina Weideman, daughter of Henry Weideman, born April 19, 1844; occupation, farmer. Four children by his first wife: William H., born December 12, 1868; John F., March 15, 1870; Carl C., November 20, 1874; Martha, November 19, 1877. Martha died April 9, 1878. His first wife died Nov. 10, 1879.

His second wife was Wilhemine Sophia Westendorf, daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Zelk) Westendorf. Married May 13, 1880. Five children by second wife. Maria W., born November 3, 1881; Elizabeth R., July 21, 1883; Everett C., July 21, 1886; Elmer F., October 1, 1889; Ervin C., November 18, 1895. Everett C., died February 12, 1888. Maria married Phillip Bloser, live at Denver, Iowa; Elizabeth R., married Theodore Steege June 1903, lives in Dresden township; John F., married, lives in Bremer county; Carl, single, lives in Bremer county.

The firm of C. A. Mohling & Son occupy the west store room in the Padden block, north side of Main street, and are doing an excellent business.

WILLIAM H. MOHLING.

W. H. Mohling, junior member of the firm of C. A. Mohling & Son, general merchants, was born December 12, 1868, in Warren township, Bremer county, Ia. Son of C. A. and Wilhemina [Weideman] Mohling. Lived with his parents during the years of his minority. Married June 15, 1892, to Louisa Sohle, daughter of Christopher and Maria [Hitzeman] Sohle. Came to Fredericksburg, August, 1895. Opened a general store under the name of W. H. Mohling; continued the business until the year 1901, when his father, C. A. Mohling entered the firm. Two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mohling: Lydia, born November 11, 1894, and Eveline, born April 29, 1904, both living.

FRANK EUGENE THORNE.

F. E. Thorne was born May 21, 1861 at Pecatonica, Illinois. Son of Julius P. and Elizabeth [Golly] Thorne. Came with his parents to Iowa in 1877, locating in Stapleton township, Chickasaw county, on a farm; remained here eight years, then returned to Pecatonica where he worked in a dry goods store until January, 1895, when he came to Fredericksburg and in company with Frank S. Sloan opened a general

merchandise store, May 16, 1895. Continued in partnership with Mr. Sloan until January 1, 1903, when he purchased Mr. Sloan's interest and continued the business under the name of F. E. Thorne. Married December 30, 1896, to Miss Lucy E. Sanborn, of Pecatonica, Illinois, daughter of George W. and Grata N. [Emory] Sanborn. Two children born to this union: Bertha Elizabeth, born April 22, 1900, and Grata Lucille, April 26, 1903.

Mr. Thorne occupies the double store on the corner of Main and Washington streets; does a large and successful business.

JOHN FREDERICK WESP.

John F. Wesp was born on Wolf Island, Canada, September 19, 1849. Son of Frederick John and Mary (Davis) Wesp. Came with his parents to Wisconsin, Richland county, Richland Center. Lived there ten years. Came with his parents to Iowa the spring of 1869. They located on land in New Hampton township, section 33. Lived his parents during the years of his minority. Married October 1879, to Fannie A. Linderman, daughter of William H. and Permelia (Adams) Linderman, born April 13, 1860. The spring of 1880, removed to California. Returned to Iowa in 1882. In the year 1884, moved to the territory of Washington. Returned to Iowa November 1, 1895. Bought the Wm. Adams farm in Dresden township, lived there until the fall of 1901 when he bought the hardware interests of N. J. Doug-

las, of the firm of Douglas & Graham. The firm then became Graham & Wesp. January, 1906, purchased Graham's interest and became the sole owner.

Six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wesp: Vesta, July 29, 1880; Charles A., January 9, 1883; William Linn, September 14, 1893; Ethan Ambrose and Ethal Erwin, (twins) August 28, 1898; Frank Sterling, July 28, 1899.

Mr. Wesp occupies the fine brick block on the corner of Main and Washington streets, is doing a prosperous business. Owns one of the finest homes in town.

JAMES ELLIS.

James Ellis was born at Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 9, 1843. Moved with his parents to Monroe, Michigan when a babe. Lived there one year when they moved to Syracuse, N. Y., thence to New York City, then to Bridgeport, Connecticut, then to Newark, New Jersey, then to Rahway, same state. Father then went to California, died on the passage home, buried in the ocean. Mrs. Ellis moved with her four children to Smyrnia, Chenango county, New York. She married Robert Davis.

The subject of this sketch was bound out to Beckwith Rowland until he was twenty-one. At the age of sixteen he ran away and went to New York City where he enlisted in the 14th Brooklyn Infantry, Company "A." Went south with regiment and remained until the fall of 1863; discharged at Brooklyn and re-enlisted

in Company "B." 22d New York Cavalry; discharged in June, 1865, at Satterlee hospital, Philadelphia. Came to Iowa, March, 1868. Married November, 1870, to Clara E. Hoyt, daughter of Sanford and Keziah (Lane) Hoyt. Five children: George born November 1872; Lois, 1873; Jessie, 1878; Winnie, 1881; Gertrude, 1884.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis settled on a farm in Dresden township. Moved to Fredericksburg, Ia., August, 1906.

ROBERT DAVIS.

Robert Davis was born in Columbus, Chenango county, New York. Married there to Sarah Madison. Three children: Egbert, Elizabeth and George. His wife died at St. Charles, Illinois. He came to Iowa the spring of 1871, locating in Dresden township. He died June 12, 1892, buried in West cemetery.

JOHN MIKES.

John Mikes, senior member of the firm of Mikes Bros., butchers, and general dealers in meats, was born in Bohemia, May 15, 1867, son of Mathias and Antoinette (Hansel) Mikes. Came to America in 1890, locating at Bristow, Butler county, Iowa. Came to Fredericksburg July, 1894. Bought out the business of Churchill Bros., butchers. Married Rosanna Randl, April, 1897. She died April, 1898. Built a brick block the summer of 1898 at a cost of

\$2,500.00. Second marriage to Rosa Hruska, April 10, 1901. Three children born to this union: Frank Joseph, November 25, 1902; John Peter, April 30, 1904; Rosa Antoinette, June 30, 1906. All living. Mr. Mikes is a very successful business man.

CHARLES MIKES.

Charles Mikes, junior member of the firm of Mikes Bros., butchers, was born in Bohemia, January 28, 1877. Son of Mathias and Antoinette (Hansel) Mikes. Came to America in 1894, settling in Dumont, Iowa. Worked with his brother Joe in the butcher business for one year, then went to Chicago where he worked in the butchering business until 1896, when he went to Elma in same business. Remained in Elma until the spring of 1900, when he came to Fredericksburg and became a partner in the butcher business with his brother John. Married July, 1903, to Tenia Hruska, of Howard county. One child born to this union: Rudolph Theodore, born April 2, 1905. Mr. Mikes is a thorough going business man.

LESLIE WILLIAM POND.

L. W. Pond was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, October 29, 1846. Son of Dan and Polly M. [Munger] Pond. Lived there until the spring of 1858, when he came with his parents to Fredericksburg, Iowa. In the year of 1867, he returned to Wisconsin and learned

the trade of harness maker at Edgerton and Fort Atkinson. Returned to Iowa in 1868. Opened a shop for himself at Fredericksburg in 1869. Married September 1870, to Miss. Ella Bassett, daughter of Joseph and Frances Bassett of Dresden township. Two children born to this union: Earl Stanley, March 28, 1872; Alma Bernice, April 8, 1879. Earl Stanley is single, lives in Waterloo; Alma B., married Roy W. Kendall, June, 1905, they reside at Janesville, Iowa.

Ella Bassett Pond died October 27, 1880; buried in Maple Grove cemetery.

Mr. Pond married for his second wife Miss Clara Dean, daughter of William T. and Sarah Dean of Cedar Rapids, December, 1886. Two children were born to this union: Frank Leslie, born April, 1889; Harold Rollin, born Jan. 1, 1894.

In 1896, Mr. Pond sold his harness business to his son Earl. Moved to Waterloo in 1901, and from there to Chicago in 1905, where he still resides.

BECKWITH ROWLAND.

B. Rowland was born in Connecticut, February 12, 1798. He came with his parents to Burlington, Otsego county, New York, when a small boy. Lived there during the years of his minority. Married to Polly Greenleaf of Columbus, Chenango county, 1843. In 1868, they came to Iowa locating in Dresden township. He died June 24, 1870, buried in West

cemetery.

Polly Rowland, the widow, married Joshua Smith, September, 1870. She died February 18, 1879, buried in West cemetery beside her first husband.

GEORGE HOLDEN FAY.

G. H. Fay was born at Antwerp, Jefferson county, New York, July 27, 1860. Son of Ezekil and Sophia (Holden) Fay. Lived with his parents during his minority. Came to Iowa with them the summer of 1863, locating in Leroy township, Bremer county. Married January 2, 1882, to Miss Addie C. Pratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha R. Pratt of Sumner township, Bremer county. Removed to Dresden township, Chickasaw county, 1890. One child born to this union: Jessie L., October 15, 1882. This daughter was married January 2, 1902, to Mr. Frank S. Marr of New Hampton. Mr. Fay was town clerk of Leroy township, Bremer county, one term.

EARNEST C. KARSTEN.

E. C. Karsten was born in Sumner, Bremer county, Iowa, April 19, 1876. Son of John and Caroline (Friday) Karsten. His parents died when he was nine years of age. Learned the trade of harness making with John Mueller of Sumner. Carried on a harness business in Denver, Iowa, seven years. Married to Louisa Clausing, of Denver, Iowa, daughter of Conrad

and Charlotte (Mohling) Clausing. November 14, 1901. Came to Fredericksburg, July 8, 1903, purchased the harness business of Earl Pond, and the real estate belonging thereunto. One child born to this union, Norma, born November 17, 1902.

JAMES STEPHENS.

James Stephens was born in Scotland in 1826, was raised a farmer. He came to the United States in 1850, stopping in Winnebago, Illinois for ten years. Come to Chickasaw county, Iowa, in 1860, located his land section 20-94-12, Dresden township; bought his land from the government. Was married in 1856 in Illinois to Ellen Radford, by whom he had three children; Mary, Willie and George. Mrs. Stephens died March 14, 1897, buried at West cemetery. His daughter Mary married Eugene Rowe, they live in Dresden township. Willie is at home. George married a Miss Ackley, live on the old farm. Mr. Stephens is still a widower.

L. D. HARTSON.

L. D. Hartson and wife Elizabeth came here from Dodge county, Wisconsin. They were originally from Susquehanna, county Penn. They came here about 1858. They first lived in Fredericksburg for three years, after that they lived in the South-east corner of New Hampton township on section 36. In 1879 he

went to Kansas. The children were, Naman, James B. married Mary Snyder, and in 1875 went to Kansas; Riley married at Plainfield; Julia married T. J. Parker and went to Dakota in an early day. Mr. Parker is dead. She lives in Minneapolis, is still a widow.

SAMUEL B. WESP.

S. B. Wesp was born on Wolf Island, Canada, February 10, 1842. Son of Frederick and Mary (Davis) Wesp. Came with his parents to Wisconsin in 1858. Came to Iowa in 1868. Went back to Wisconsin same year, returning in 1869. Settled in New Hampton township. Married July 3, 1881 to Miss Jennie McGee, only daughter of Joseph and Augusta McGee of Dresden township. Moved to Reedsburg, Wisconsin in 1882. Returned in the fall of 1884. Bought a farm in New Hampton township in 1888; lived there until the year 1893, when he moved to Fredericksburg. Went into the butcher business with Albert Churchill, then with Hiram Pratt. Sold out business and went to buying stock for Haskett & Carey; worked four and one-half years for them. He then entered the employ of the Fredericksburg Produce Association as stock buyer, which position he still holds. Six children born to this union: Herbert C., born September 2, 1882; Frances, July 7, 1887; Florence, August 12, 1890; Charles Frederick, July 4, 1893; Ruth and Ruby (twins) born August 22, 1896. Ruby died in the month of October, 1900 of diphtheria.

Mr. Wesp is a great lover of the horse and has kept some very good ones.

ELIAS ANDERSON CHURCHILL.

E. A. Churchill was born in Bolton, Stenstad county, Canada East, May 18, 1828. Son of Leman and Minerva (Duboyce) Churchill. Removed with his parents to Vermont where he remained until twenty years of age. Followed railroading in different states until the year 1855, when he came to Iowa, settling first at Tripoli, Bremer county. Came to Chickasaw county in 1869, locating in Dresden township. Married December 2, 1867, to Lucy A. Watkins, daughter of Peter and Marie (Shide) Watkins, born April 9, 1840. Four children born to this union: Albert E., September 7, 1858; Henry and Henrietta, (twins) July 14, 1860; Mary E., born June 14, 1866. Albert E. married Susan O'Brien of Bremer county; he died at Fredericksburg, February 6, 1899. Henry married Alida Burnham December 25, 1880; they reside at Oelwein. Henrietta married Duane B. Nourse, February 4, 1892; reside in Fredericksburg township. Mary E. went to California in 1891, married there the fall of 1892 to William Vincent; lives at Ventura.

Mr. Churchill moved to Fredericksburg in 1888.

DEACON SAMUEL SHIVEILY.

Samuel Shiveily and wife came to Iowa in

1856, locating at Tripoli, Bremer county. Came to Chickasaw county in 1859. Three children by first wife: Harriet Jane, Mary Ann and Henry. By his second wife—Mrs. Jane Hubbard—four children: Samuel, Albert, Lucy and Electa O. Samuel is dead, also Albert. Lucy married Monroe Lathrop, lives at Toledo, Iowa. Electa married a man by the name of Emerson, lives at Minneapolis.

Mr. Shively died in Florida, sometime in the year 1886.

ALBERT W. LAABS.

A. W. Laabs was born in Fredericksburg township September 15, 1880, son of Charles and Johanna (Moldenhauer) Laabs. Left home at the age of nineteen. Went for self. Married November 18, 1903 to Miss Bertha Potratz, daughter of Emmet and Martha (Dallman) Potratz. Came to Fredericksburg March 1, 1906 and engaged in the boot and shoe business.

THOMAS GOLDSMITH RICHARDSON.

T. G. Richardson was born April 14, 1837, at Williamsburg, Long Island, New York. Son of Thomas G. and Elizabeth (Price) Richardson. Came with his parents to Rock county, Wisconsin, 1855, locating near Milton. Enlisted June 1, 1861, Co. "E" 5th Regt. Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war. Was with the regiment until the battle of Williamsburg, Virginia when he was

wounded in the knee by a minnie ball; was sent to hospital on steamer on the James river, later to Baltimore, but was stopped at Philadelphia, where he remained in hospital three weeks; was furloughed home. Married December 9, 1862 to Miss Flora E. Harvey, daughter of John and Elizabeth B. Harvey. Came to Iowa the fall of 1864. Wintered in Clayton county, locating in Stapleton township. Twelve children born to this union: Flora Adella, born 1863; Thomas G., 1865; William S., 1867; Elizabeth E., 1868; James H., 1871; Mary E., 1873; Emily M., 1875; Annie D., 1877; Jessie E., 1878; George W., 1882; Jeanette L., 1884; Alberta I., 1886. Flora A. married John D. Herrick July 5, 1885; Thomas G. married Etta M. Harvey, May 5, 1890; James H. married Ida M. Rollins, November 3, 1898; Mary E. married Albert J. Anderson, August 5, 1894; Emily M. married Charles H. Anderson, November 18, 1894; Jessie E. married Laurance P. Crane, March 29, 1897; Jeanette L. married D. C. Parks, March 24, 1903.

William S. died April 29, 1867; Elizabeth E. died July 18, 1869; Annie D. died September 27, 1877.

Mrs. Flora E. (Harvey) Richardson died February 9, 1891.

Mr. Richardson chose for his second wife Miss Sarah Bullock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bullock, Sr. No children by second marriage. Moved from his farm to town in 1898.

HENRY SATERLEE LEWIS CHANDLER.

H. S. L. Chandler was born in the town of Shelburne, Mass., August 20, 1809. While quite young his parents moved to Waitsfield, Vermont. From there they moved to Greenfield, Mass. Here Mr. Chandler was married to Meritta Joslyn, September 10, 1833. Their first child was born January 29, 1836; she was named Sarah Zanette; she died in the city of Chicago, August 1, 1850, of Asiatic cholera. Their second child was born September 18, 1844, at Elk Grove, Illinois; she was named Emily E. Mr. Chandler moved to Fredericksburg township in the year 1860. He was a prominent member of society, taking a lively interest in the advancement of the township. The school records show his name as director of District No. 3 for several years. His daughter, Emily E., married John Dayton. Meritta Joslyn Chandler died April 15, 1891; buried at Rose Hill. Mr. Chandler died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emily Dayton, April 3, 1902.

JOHN PHILLIPS.

John Phillips was born in Crawford county, Wisconsin, February 3, 1857. Son of George W. and Mary Phillips. Came to Fredericksburg in 1879. Learned the trade of a blacksmith with George Grems & Co. Opened a shop of his own in 1882. Married July 10, 1884, to Eliza Brown, daughter of Michael Brown. Sold his shop and moved to Brown county, Dakota.

M. C. PLUMMER.

M. C. Plummer was born in Jackson county, Indiana, September 19, 1843; son of Thomas J. and Mary Plummer. Married in Pecatonica, Illinois, September 22, 1868 to Miss Emily Neely. Moved to Evansville, Minn.; remained there eighteen years. Children born to this union: Effie M., Winfield C., Clellie T., all living except Winfield who died in 1905. He was divorced from first wife. Came to Iowa in 1886. Married to Miss Allie Freemire September 1885. Four children by second marriage: Leland S., Eria M., Theron and Cecil. Of these children but one, Erya, is living. Two of the children met tragic deaths—Theron being burned to death and Leland was accidentally killed by being shot by one of his playmates. Mr. Plummer enlisted the first day of May 1864, in company "C" 137 regiment Indiana volunteer infantry. Discharged from the service of the U. S. on the twenty-first day of September, 1864, at Indianapolis, Indiana, by reason of expiration of term of service. Mr. Plummer has been a resident of Fredericksburg a number of years. He draws a pension.

REV. SAMUEL PARKS.

Samuel Parks was born at Hagarstown, Maryland, March 17, 1797. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Parks. While a babe his parents moved to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty-two he married Miss Hannah L.

Jordan, October 28, 1819, born June 5, 1796. Moved to Ohio in 1836, to Boone county, Illinois in 1842. Ordained for the ministry in the year of 1846 at Peoria by Bishop Morris. Came to Chickasaw county in 1868, locating in Dresden township. Eleven children born to this union. He had three sons in the union army. Joseph lost his life there. Mr. Parks moved to Fredericksburg where he lived for several years. He died February 28, 1890. Mrs. Parks died three before, October 1, 1887.

ANDREW B. REIF.

A. B. Reif was born in Mill county, Illinois, December 8, 1865; son of August and Elizabeth (Yonker) Reif. Lived with his parents until thirteen years of age; then served three years as an apprentice in a harness business. Came to Iowa in 1882 with his parents, locating in Banks township, Fayette county. Attended school at the Fayette Upper Iowa University four years. Married July 5, 1893 to Ella M. Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Carpenter; this wife died January 26, 1896 leaving one child, Letha, born August 24, 1895. Married second time November 24, 1899, to Elizabeth M. Dickman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dickman of Sumner, Iowa. Was in the furniture business at Sumner seven years. Came to Fredericksburg in 1901 and engaged in the furniture and hardware business. One child was born to this union, Reuel D., born June 30, 1904.

HENRY WITTLER.

H. Wittler was born in Germany, December 7, 1851; son of Frederick and Henrietta (Henze) Wittler. Came to America in 1887, locating at Monona, Iowa. Came to Fredericksburg, 1895; lived here one year, then moved to Oelwein where he remained four years, then returned to Fredericksburg and went into the grocery business with his son Fred.

Mr. Wittler was married June, 1872, to Frederica Farstermann, daughter of Christian Farstermann of Dellhausen, Germany. Children born to this union, five: Frederick, born March 26, 1873; Lena, Federeka, Anna and Mena. Mrs. Henry Wittler died January 6, 1883, in Germany.

MARTIN LANGDON.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Langdon came to this county from Illinois. They located in Dresden township. The date of their coming was sometime about 1857-8. How many children they had we are unable to state, but we know three: Edwin, Henry and Anna. The latter married Frank Still. Edwin went to Florida and died there; one of his sons lives here, Jay Langdon, he married Ella Delap. Henry and family moved to Kansas some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Langdon were members of the Baptist church. The date of his death I have not. He was buried on the farm where he lived. Mrs. Langdon died, we think in 1888-9, buried by her husband.

THE SCHOOLS.

The first school house was a pole shanty built by Edwin Cain, which stood southeast of where the Baptist Church now stands. The first teacher was Miss Anna Bishop, summer of 1857. After 1860 the school was held in the building on the hill that had been erected for church purposes. This house burned the winter of 1864. The M. E. people were holding revival meetings there, and it is supposed that the stove was not properly closed when the congregation went away.

The school directors rented the hall up stairs in the old Fountain house of Mrs. A. K. Warren, for the summer school.

The summer of 1865, Frederick Padden built a school house on block 13. This house was 30x50, one story. It was divided into two rooms 30x30 and 30x20. The cost with one room finished was \$1000. When finished the total was \$1.600. It was opened for the winter of 1865 and 6. This house was used for church purposes for Methodists, Baptists, Second Adventists, Spiritualists, or any thing that might come along, political meetings were not barred. When the Baptists built their Church in 1870, they let up on the school house.

In 1875 the M. E. folks built a place for worship and they quit the school house.

The school house proved to be too small and the cry went forth, a new school house! It was decided by the people that a new school should be built. The old house was sold to

Barbkenecht and Radke for \$200. After the township had been organized into independent districts, the school board bought the entire block 13, for a school ground. Where the new house was to be built this ground was found to be just what was needed. It has been set out with trees and to day it is beautiful. The summer of 1892 the house was built by S. P. Moore, contract price with two rooms finished was \$3,800. The house is 50x50 two stories, brick veneered. With seating and other rooms finished since, the cost has run up to \$5,000.

The schools in our town were graded in 1861. We now have four departments and over 100 children in attendance.

The first dwelling house was built by Frederick Padden on lot 4, block 18, in October 1854.



The first store building was erected the fall of 1855.



The first hotel was opened and kept by Frederick Padden.



The town was platted in 1856 by Frederick Padden and Daniel Bloxham.



The first sermon preached in Fredericksburg was by S. M. Prentice, (Free Will Baptist,) in Frederick Padden's hotel, May 19, 1855.

FREDERICK WITTLER.

Frederick Wittler was born in Germany, March 26, 1873, son of Henry and Frederica (Farstermann) Wittler. Came with his father to America in 1887; locating at Monona, Iowa. Came to Fredericksburg township in 1890 and to Fredericksburg in 1895 and went into business with his father. Married April 6, 1905 to Miss Henrietta Reich of New Hampton. Began business for self in 1905, (Grocery.)

CHURCH SOCIETIES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

The first church to organize here was the Methodist Episcopal. This organization was perfected August 8, 1856, with ten members: George Hillson, Sarah Hillson, Alpheus Adams, Cornelia Adams, Catherine Marvin, Maria Gibbs, Lovina Padden, Hester Vokes, Jesse T. Appleberry. George Hillson, class leader.

The pastors in regular order have been as follows: Elijah Kendall, Charles Hollis, J. L. Kirkpatrick, W. P. Holbrook, James Leslie, James Stout, Thomas Moore, Samuel Gossard, Reece Woolf, George Edmunds, Zelotes Ward, H. H. Hammond, Edward Hoskyn, Phillip Miller, J. R. Cameron, John Dawson, D. B. Alden, P. W. Gould, Richard Ricker, J. J. Littler, L. S. Cooley, A. B. Fickle, H. S. Salisbury, P. J. Leonard, F. H. Linn, C. E. Smith and Jesse Smith. In 1875 this church organization built a commodious house of worship 32x50 at a cost

of \$2,700. They have since added an extension at a cost of \$600 and seating the main audience room with opera chairs. The winter of 1901 their parsonage burned. The following spring they completed a fine parsonage at a cost of \$950. The church has a good membership and is in good spiritual condition.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION.

A Presbyterian mission was organized in 1860. L. R. Lockwood was the pastor. This little band of worshipers built a place for holding services, but they were unable to maintain it. The house stood on the lots where M. L. Sherman lives. The school directors bought it for a school house. The winter of 1864 it was burned with all its contents.

BAPTIST.

A preliminary meeting, looking to the organization of the First Baptist Church, of Fredericksburg was held June 3rd, 1860, and all present united in a call for recognition from the churches of this denomination. Those present at this meeting were: Rev. E. G. O. Groat, pastor; members—T. S. M. Flowers, Gilbert Page, James Lorence, Jonathan Russell, Lydia Page, Mrs. T. S. M. Flowers, Mrs. Jonathan Russell, Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Temperance Munger. Mr. Flowers was secretary of the society. July 7th a second meeting was held and letters of recognition were received from the churches at Frederika, Fairbanks, Polk and Providence. At this meeting the organization of the Bap-

tist Church was perfected.

Names of Pastors—E. G. O. Groat, Shadrach Shesman, G. W. Goodrich, Moses E. Arkills, T. C. Briggs, William Simons, James Abbott, M. H. Perry, J. C. Johnson, James Mitchell, Rev. Wedgewood, Robert Smith, George Elleson, W. P. Thompson, George Stone, Rev. Kingsbury, Rev. Wolf, C. V. Bently, H. Grant. R. P. Jones.

The church edifice was erected the spring of 1870. Completed and dedicated on the 10th day of July, 1870. Moses E. Arkills, pastor. The building, which is 32x52, was built at a cost of \$2,800. A parsonage was bought by the society in 1874 at a cost of \$450. This has been sold and a new one built at a cost of \$1000. The bell was hung in 1875.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL.

The German Evangelical Lutherans built a house of worship in 1890. It is located on the northwest quarter of section 18 on land bought of L. Padden that was once plotted, but has been vacated. This house cost \$1,500.

In the west part of town we have another German Church. They have a neat parsonage whice cost \$1000.

DUNKARD CHURCH.

This organization was completed in 1881. Rev. Marcus H. Fowler, minister. About 40 members embracing some of the best families in the township. After Mr. Fowler's death, Oliver Beaver was then leader.

SOCIETIES.

MASONIC.

Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 333, A. F. and A. M., received its charter June, 1875, having previously worked one year under a dispensation. There were ten charter members. The first officers were W. S. Pitts, W. M., Leonard Nourse, S. W., S. H. Holcomb, J. W. The lodge is in a flourishing condition. Meetings are held Wednesday evening on and after each full moon.

G. A. R. POST.

J. V. Carpenter Post, G. A. R., of the department of Iowa, was organized in November 1882. It immediately took rank as one of the live posts of the state. Time has wrought many changes with this post and today its numbers are thinned. A few of the faithful keep it going.

WOMENS' RELIEF CORPS.

J. V. Carpenter Relief Corps, No. 61, auxiliary to Carpenter Post, was organized March 13, 1886. Its band of earnest working women have kept it alive and done a good work.

ODD FELLOWS.

Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 661, received its dispensation October 12, 1899. It has grown from the very first and is now a strong lodge, and one of the most popular in Fredericksburg.

REBEKAHS.

Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 211, was organized on June 12, 1900. This order is auxiliary to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Its first officers were Mrs. Addie Fay, N. G., Mrs. H. Plowright, V. G.; Mrs. Annamina Bishop, Secretary; Mrs. Zoa Fay, Treasurer.

AMERICAN YEOMAN.

Hubert Homestead, No. 247, organized December 13, 1899. Started with 39 members.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

Order of the Eastern Star No. 163, organized October 3, 1894 with 23 members.

MODERN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA.

Modern Brotherhood of America instituted May 18, 1898 with 28 members.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS.

Royal Neighbors, auxiliary to the Woodmen, organized March 8, 1899. Name Excelsior No. 1429.

MODERN WOODMAN OF AMERICA.

Modern Woodman of America Camp No. 4160. Organized August, 2, 1896. Started with 22 members. They now have the largest membership of any secret society in the town, and are getting new members at nearly every meeting. The insurance feature is what makes it grow so fast.

THE BAND.

This quiet afternoon,
In the balmy month of June,
My nerves are all a tingle,
My heart is all a-tune;
The notes they keep a-humming,
My fingers keep a-drumming,
My lips they keep a-tumming
To the music of the band.

The quiet even time,
They're sitting in a row,
Their books are up before them,
The park is all aglow,
The music's so entrancing,
The horses go a-prancing,
And many feet are dancing
To the music of the band.

This quiet afternoon,
In the balmy month of June.
They're marching down the street,
To a grand inspiring tune.
They're going four a breast
With all the manly zest,
Of those who do their best,
With the music of the band.

Some quiet afternoon,
We hope it may be June,
When flowers grace the hillside
And birds are all a tune;
When the call comes o'er the tide,
When I cross the great divide,
May my boat then outward glide
To the music of the band.

The first brass band that Fredericksburg could call their own was organized the winter of 1865 and was called Pitts' Cornet Band. The roster of this pioneer band was as follows: W. S. Pitts, 1st Eb cornet; A. J. Wagner, 2nd Eb cornet; Jerome Padden, 1st Bb cornet; Joseph H. Benedict, 2nd Bb cornet; George

Benedict, 1st Eb alto; Charles Chapman, 2nd Eb alto; John H. Miller, Bb tenor; E. N. Olmstead, Bb baritone; M. W. Warren, Bb bass; A. P. Fowler, Eb tuba; M. L. Sherman, bass drum.

This band did good work for several years and became a fairly efficient one. The spring of 1878 it was re-organized under the name of the Fredericksburg Cornet Band. The following is the roster: W. S. Pitts, 1st Eb cornet; Robert Padden, 2nd Eb cornet; Watson Pond, 1st Bb cornet; Frank Warren, 2nd Bb cornet; George Carpenter, 1st Eb alto; Clarence Sherman, 2nd Eb alto; L. W. Pond, Bb tenor; Jerome Padden, baritone; M. M. Padden, Eb tuba; Lucius Steadman, side drum; M. L. Sherman, bass drum.

This band was a much stronger one than the first and by dint of hard work in rehearsals and quite a sum of money for band instruments and music they gained the name of being a first class country band. Their services were in demand at remunerative figures at all the surrounding towns, going as far away as Mason City, Ia. The Paddens going to Nebraska made an opening in the band which was filled by Jay L. Maibe on the baritone, Will S. Pitts, tuba, L. W. Pond going to first Bb cornet, Mr. Frank Warren going to Dakota made another break in the ranks but as we had three cornets beside, we went on quite bravely. Soon after this Miss Katie B. Pitts was presented with a fine Bb Fluglehorn by the band and she did some good playing on

that much needed instrument. Will S. Pitts going to Washington left the tuba without a man. Then came a reorganization and the band was increased to twenty-two men. We find the names of John Egan, Frank Bright, Fred Simmons and Hiram Pratt beginners on the Bb cornet, also Met McGee who became a fine player.

Stephen Radke Bb clarionet was added, Fay Smith, Eb tuba, Earl S. Pond began with a cornet but soon changed to the baritone and in a few months was a fairly good player and in less than two years was looked upon as the best baritone player in this part of Iowa. Mr. Smith gave up the tuba which was taken by Earnest Adams who held it for sometime. He was an able player upon that instrument. In 1897 the boys were playing so well they made up their minds to hire a cornetist of ability to assist Mr. L. W. Pond as W. S. Pitts did not wish to play the Eb cornet longer. Met McGee who had been away for two years came back to town and went into the store of W. H. Mohling. He had developed into a good player and a ready reader. The boys were buying a higher grade of music and playing it with a vim. W. S. Pitts took the place of conductor. They then hired a man by the name of Grove Bills who played 1st Bb cornet paying him a weekly salary. In may 1898 they hired W. B. Coup of Decorah at a cost of \$500 a year. The roster of the band then stood: W. S. Pitts, director; W. B. Coup, Bb cornet and conductor; L. W. Pond and Met McGee,

1st Bb cornetists; Tom Clark, 2nd cornet; S. Radke, B clarionet; C. H. Sherman, solo alto; W. H. Mohling, 1st alto; C. E. Wright, 2nd alto; E. S. Pond, baritone; Dr. Karsten, B tenor; H. Beaver, slide trombone; E. Adams, tuba; Will Waggoner, side drum; Fay Smith, bass drum; Milo L. Sherman, Drum Major. In a few months this band ranked with any band of the same number of pieces in north-eastern Iowa. They played music of a high grade and played it in style that was charming. It is almost needless to say that this band, controlled the band business of this country. Mr. Coup remained nearly a year when he was offered so much better wages that he desired to be released. From the time of his going it was hard work to keep the organization in shape for the want of cornets and little by little one of the best of bands lost its grip.

The last band organized was in 1901 with H. L. Padden, Leader, and although there has been numerous changes the band still retains its organization and today is composed as follows: H. L. Padden, H. D. Fellows, S. M. Furrow, Otto Gruhn, John Jackson, Percy Potter and Sam Stiles, cornets; W. H. Mohling, baritone; A. B. Reif, tuba; Mel Rollins, Arthur Linderman, Alex Milne and Fred Rollins, altos; H. S. Beaver and C. A. West, slide-trombone; Fred Stiles, tenor; F. Wittler, clarionet; J. Parks, piccolo; Chas. Bishop and E. C. Karsten, drums. A good band is a standing advertisement for a town.

CHURCH CHOIRS.

A feature of the organizations of the village was the Church choir which was organized with W. S. Pitts as director in 1864 and which held rehearsals every Sabbath afternoon for thirteen years. The choir became widely known in this section as one of the best Church choirs in northeastern Iowa. The following persons comprised its membership: Sopranos—Miss Nan M. Warren, Mrs. Helen C. Kendal, Mrs. Elmiere Mabie; Altos—Miss Nettie M. Warren, Mrs. Emily E. Dayton, Mrs. S. E. Ellis; Basso—Joseph H. Benedict, George H. Benedict, Allison Congdon, Abner Warren; Tenors—William S. Pitts, George Bishop. The first death among the members of this choir, was that of Mrs. Kendal who was soprano at the time of her demise, November 18th, 1871. Organists—Ida Mabie, Alice M. Pitts, Katie B. Pitts.

After the Methodist Episcopal Church Society built their Church in the year 1875 a quartette choir was organized with the following membership; Soprano—Miss Flora Ferris, Alto—Miss Minnie Sherman, Basso—John Phillips, Tenor—Will Brown, Organist—Miss Frankie Ferris.

CEMETERIES.

The West Cemetery was laid out in 1862 on land in Dresden township purchased from Mrs. Minerva Vail. The second one is in

Fredericksburg township two miles east of the town and is known as "Maple Grove Cemetery." It was laid out from land owned by R. W. Kidder and Hiram Benedict. Rose Hill Cemetery was laid out the spring of 1886 on land bought of John Buck. It lies one half mile north of town. A beautiful place named by W. S. Pitts.

FIRES.

The saw-mill owned by Frederick Padden was destroyed by fire in 1857 and the second mill erected on the same site was burned in January 1860.

John Miller's saloon building on the lot now occupied by the Mrs. J. M. Ferris was burned the spring of 1870.

In the spring of 1862 J. V. Carpenter's residence was destroyed by fire.

The most disastrous fire that has visited the village occurred in February 1877 when Padden Bros. Hardware store, Mrs. L. F. Howe and Mrs. Dolphus Stone's Millinery establishment and Amaziah Smith's Merchant tailoring establishment were destroyed by fire.

J. G. Haskett's store building occupied by L. Padden as a drug and hardware store burned in the spring of 1881.

In October 1882 the Bolton building occupied by Pomeroy & Co. grocery store was destroyed by fire.

October 10, 1892, M. C. Plummer's barn was destroyed by fire. The fire was set by some

little children playing in the barn. Two of the children Theron Plummer and Edward Hankner, were burned to death.

The Julien House was destroyed by fire in 1895. Charles Sullivan was its proprietor at that time.

The winter of 1901 the M. E. parsonage burned. It was occupied at the time by Rev. P. J. Leonard.

The Livery barn owned by H. L. Turner was burned the spring of 1905. Webster Bros. were occupying it at the time.

NEWSPAPERS.

The first newspaper published in Fredericksburg was The Independent, Comfort Babcock Editor and Proprietor. The first number was issued the first week in April 1888. He did not publish very long, removed the plant to Nashua.

The second paper, The Fredericksburg News, Don A. Jackson, Editor and Proprietor. Established 1889.

FERDINAND MALZAHN.

Ferdinand Malzahn lives on the southwest quarter of section 17. Came to this township from Bremer county somewhere about the year 1882. Worked for John and Lorenzo Mark on their farm for about seven years. He then bought of Loren Padden the farm on which he lives. March 1, 1894, he was mar-

ried to Lucy Mark, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Mark. To this union four children were born, Francis, Albert Henry, Frederick L. and an infant which died a few days after its birth. Mr. Malzahan is a very successful farmer.

HENRY C. EASTMAN.

Henry C. Eastman was born in New Hampshire. Emigrated to the state of Illinois; married at Rockford to Ella Brown, daughter of R. B. Brown. Came to this township about 1880. Owned 160 acres of land three-fourths of a mile south of town. Lived here until '92, when he went to the poor farm, near New Hampton, as superintendent. Remained there four years. Came back in '96 and built the brick hotel on Main street. This house Mr. Eastman sold to Adam Hankner, who in time sold to James McCartney. Mr. Eastman remained here nearly one year after he sold his farm and hotel. He then moved to Bradford township to a farm he had bought of a Mrs. Dye. It was known as the A. G. Case farm. Five children were born to this family, Maud, Edward, William, Emma and Roy. From Bradford they moved to Charles City where Mr. Eastman died. Mrs. Eastman married for her second husband James Cullen of Charles City. This was an unfortunate marriage. On the morning of January 8, 1897, Cullen murdered his wife by cutting her throat and also shot and killed her son Roy

Eastman. For this crime he was taken by a mob from the Charles City jail and hung from the bridge that spans the Cedar river during the night of January 9, 1907.

C. T. HASKETT.

Chris T. Haskett was born in Canada in 1854. Came with his parents to Iowa in 1857; to Fredericksburg in 1862. In 1875 he went into the hardware business in Waucoma, Fayette county. Here he staid about one year. In 1876 he went into a general store in Fredericksburg. This stock he sold to M. L. Sherman in 1880. He then bought the creamery and run it two years, when he sold it to Kipp & Harris of New Hampton. Went to Wisconsin, near Beloit, and run a creamery a year. In 1884 he returned and rebought the creamery, which he run to 1886, when he sold it to the farmers. From that date to the present he has been engaged in buying live stock and grain. Mr. Hasket is a sharp, shrewd, business man, one of quick judgement and discernment. He was marred to Kate Marie Warren, March 7, 1877. They have a beautiful home on his land in town. No children.

ALLEN D. THOMAS.

Allen D. Thomas was born in the state of New York in '41. Son of George and Mary (Mashawn) Thomas. Lived in that state until eighteen years old, then went to Columbia

county, Wisconsin. Married in '61 to Louisa Swanger. Went to war in '62; returned in '65. First wife died leaving one child, girl, Minnie. Married second time in 1867 to Melissa Alexander. Came to Iowa in the fall of 1869. Located on section 22, 120 acres. Children by second wife, George and Frank. Moved from farm into town in '89. George married Flossie Smith and lives in town. Frank married Vesta Wesp and lives in town.

WM. RICHARDSON.

William E. Richardson was born in the state of New York, Westchester county, and was a son of Thomas G. and Margaret Richardson. William was married in 1867, at Milton, Wisconsin, to Ellen J. Paul, came to Fredericksburg township in the year 1872 settling on section one. They had eight children.

JOHN B. CLARK.

John B. Clark, the only son of Robert and Susan Clark, was born in Scotland in 1837. He came to America at the age of nineteen and settled in Illinois where he remained four years. He then went to Missouri where he remained four years; then back to Illinois, where he remained until 1869, when he came to Iowa. He was married in 1858 to Jane Harrington, a native of England. Nine children were born to these parents; Robert L., David B., John H., Horace G., Susan J., Anna, Alfred T., Earnest and Jessie.

HORATIO N. DOTY.

Horatio N. Doty, son of Isaac and Lucreta Doty, was born in Michigan, in March 1839, and lived in Michigan during boy-hood. In 1828 he was married to Sarah H. Barber, went to Illinois in '63, and lived there till '82, when he came with his family to Fredericksburg township. He owns 240 acres of land, located on section 4, 5. Had four children, Isaac, Ida, Fred and Ray. Isaac died when two years old. Ida is married and lives at York, Nebraska. Fred is married. Ray was drowned at Hoquiam, Washington, November 20th, 1897.

C. SANDY.

C. Sandy and wife came here in '84. He bought a farm of 100 acres. 80 acres on section 8 and 20 on 17. He came from Illinois, somewhere near Palatine. This wife died August 13, '86. After two years or so Mr. Sandy married the widow Drew, and went back to his farm. Here he remained until the spring of 1902 when he sold his farm to Henry Mattke.

BENJAMIN B. PARKS.

Benjamin B. Parks was born in Ohio. Son of Samuel and Hannah Parks. Came to Illinois with his parents. Married in that state to Manda Hinton. Came to Fredericksburg, Iowa, after the war. We think it was 1867. He located on section 16 on the land

now owned by C. L. Whitcomb. This farm, 160 acres, he sold after a few years and moved to section 20—about two miles south and east where he bought 240 acres. His excuse for selling and buying again was, he said, "I want to go where I can raise fruit." We think it was because he wanted more land. Another thing was he had put out a row of trees along the road which were as much as four feet high, and he said they kept back the fresh air so that he had to come to leave his work and come into the road to get a good breath. Nine children come to these parents, Harding, Jennie, Julia, May, Clara, Crampton (Doc), Edward, infant, Jeff.

HARRY H. PARKS.

Harry H. Parks was born in Ohio in 1842. Came west with his parents to the state of Illinois. Grew to manhood, went to war. Married Ella E. Mansfield. She was born in England. Come to Iowa in 1868. Located on section 16, Dresden township, Chickasaw Co. Lived there a few years, then sold his farm and bought another in Fredericksburg township, on sections 20 and 21, 120 acres. Has good buildings. They have five children, Joseph, Katie, Jessie, Jordan and Arthur.

HERBERT HUNT.

Herbert Hunt, son of George and Mary (Dawson) Hunt, was born in England. Came

with his parents to America in 1868. Lived in the state of Illinois nearly ten years. Came to Iowa in 1870. His parents rented the Thomas Pennington farm in Bremer county. Lived there ten years. Married to Isabelle, daughter of George and Isabelle (Swale) Baker in 1885. Lived with father-in-law one year, then located on section 6-93-11, 285 acres of land. Six children blessed this union: Mary, Harry, Alice, Alta, Willie, Glen, also one babe which died soon after birth. In '93 Mr. Hunt built one of the finest farm houses along the county line at a cost of \$2,000.

GEORGE W. UPHAM.

In the write up of James B. Upham, one will find the date and place of both of the subjects of this sketch. We remember him as a boy at Williamstown. After his marriage he settled in Dresden township some six miles southwest from Frederika. Later he moved to a point in Dresden township one mile west of Fredericksburg where he now resides. If we have it right his wife was a Struble. Five children have come to the home, one of whom is married, Harry.

MELVILLE W. ROLLINS.

W. M. Rollins came here with parents Mr. and Mrs. William Rollins, about the early seventies. They settled in Dresden township two miles from town. Melville was a red-

headed chunk of a boy, short in build, wiry as a cat. He married a daughter of Samuel Steadman. A fair sized family of children have come to this home, several of them are married. Melville inherited the home farm where he still holds the fort.

DR. WILLIAM S. PITTS.

W. S. Pitts was born at "Lums Corners," Orleans County, N. Y., August 18th, 1830, son of Charles and (Polly Green Smith) Pitts. Came with his parents to Wisconsin in 1849—married in December 1859 to Ann Eliza Warren, daughter of Asheal K. and Eliza Ann (Robinson) Warren. Five children born to this union, four girls, one boy, Alice M., Grace Lorena, Nellie M., William Stanly and Kate B. Grace and Nellie died in their infancy. Moved to Fredericksburg April 16, 1862. Began the study of medicine in 1865, graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago class of 1868. First wife died August 12, 1886, married second time September 13, 1887 to Mrs. Martha A. Granuis of Earlville. Followed the the practice of Medicine until October 1906, when he sold his home and moved to Clarion, Wright county, Iowa.

WESLEY W. CAREY.

Wesley W. Carey, son of James and Sarah L. Carey, was born in Charleston, Montgomery county, New York, September, 1835. Moved

to Wisconsin in 1840, settled in Rock county. Lived in that state twenty-one years. In the fall of 1861 returned to Fredericksburg, Iowa. Four children, Sarah, Mary, Lorena, and Avery W. Mr. Carey died April 26, 1889, Mrs. Carey died September 6, 1905.

AVERY W. CAREY.

Avery Carey was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, Nov. 29, 1860. Moved to Fredericksburg with his parents when a small child. Married to Miss Nina Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Smith, April 19, 1887. To this union four children were born, Marion, Lulu and Wesley W. Their first born, a boy, lived but a few days. His first wife died, April 1902. He married for his second wife Mrs. Annette Heuman of Michigan. From this woman he was divorced. For years Mr. Carey has been engaged in the live stock business, and is regarded as one of the conservative business men of Fredericksburg.

GUSTAVE REISER.

Gustave Reiser was born in Germany in 1843. Came to America with his father in 1858. They located in Fayette county. In 1867 Mr. Reiser came to this county and located on a farm in New Hampton township. In 1868 he was married to Miss Martha Fitch. To this union eight children were born as follows: Mary, Emma, John, Ida, Charles, Fred, George and Edward. All of these children

are alive except Edward. Mr. Reiser has been a resident of this county every since he came here with the exception of three years, when he lived at Tripoli. He lived on his farm for thirty-two years, from which he retired in 1900 and has since lived in Fredericksburg. He enlisted in 1862 in Co. "F" 38th Iowa and served three years in the civil war. He draws a pension from the government for services rendered.

DR. L. M. TAYLOR.

Dr. Taylor was born at Waterloo, Iowa, December 18, 1862. Graduated from the High School in Waterloo after which he studied medicine at the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College from which school he graduated March 6, 1884. He located at Fredericksburg January 8, 1885 for the practice of his profession. He was married December 3, 1885, to Miss Genevive Buckley, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Buckley. To this union two children have been born, Ferne and Margaret. Dr. Taylor purchased the drug business of E. S. Parrot & Co., September 1888 and has been constantly in business to present time. At different times he has had competition but after a few months experience with "the buzz saw" they quit the business. Today he has the only drug store in the town and it is a first-class one. He is a progressive hustler in business and as a consequence he is in a position to take things easy any time that he sees fit to retire.

STAGES.

The summer of 1855 M. O. Walker & Co. put on a tri-weekly stage line from West Union to Bradford, Chickasaw county. The first team came over the road the 15th day of July. Leroy Honeywell (Sandy) the driver. In the month of November 1855 this line was abandoned and the wagon sent to St. Paul.

In July 1856 a line of four-horse coaches was put on by Fink & Walker running over the same ground to Bradford thence to Charles City. These coaches carried passengers and U. S. mail.

MAIL.

The first settlers received their mail from West Union and Auburn. When the Fink & Walker line was put on, Frederick Padden made application for a Post Office at Fredericksburg. His petition was granted and he was appointed the post master, F. Woods Barron deputy.

STAGE DRIVERS.

The driver from West Union to Fredericksburg was Hank Hines, from Fredericksburg to Bradford Philadelphia Joe. Leroy Honeywell remained on the route for several years.

About the year 1860 Fink & Walker pulled off the route and Nichols & Cotter came on.

The heavy coaches were supplanted by light covered wagons or hacks. They carried the mail also. George Hawley and Billy Wetherbee were the drivers. Nichols & Colter continued carrying the mail until about 1871, the last year running a buck-board wagon. George Manchester was one of the carriers.

When the C. M. & St. P. railroad was built to New Hampton, mail for Fredericksburg came that way. George Manchester with one horse brought it for sometime, then Hillson brothers, then Z. C. Knight.

Dan Pond was the second Post Master, Elisha Smith, deputy. In 1860 Peter Case was appointed P. M. and he held the position for twenty-four years, until Grover Cleveland was elected President. Cleveland was inaugurated March 4, 1885, M. W. Warren, post master. March 4, 1889 Ben Harrison became President, then Milo L. Sherman was post master, C. H. Sherman, deputy. Cleveland's second term began March 4, 1893 then M. W. Warren was again P. M. William McKinley took his seat March 4, 1897 then M. L. Sherman was once more P. M. He holds the position today under President Roosevelt. The post office was made a money order post office in 1882.

DR. E. N. JOHNSTON.

E. N. Johnston was born in Bremer county, Iowa, June 14, 1869. Attended common school until sixteen years of age when he went

to Fayette and took a course at the U. I. U. From there he entered the State University at Iowa City where he took a medical course, graduating from that school in 1895. He came to Fredericksburg the same year for the practice of his profession. He was married April 14, 1896, to Miss Elizabeth Gleeson of Independence; to this union two children were born, Edwin and Paul. Dr. Johnston has been closely identified with the business of this town. He was elected County Coroner in 1895 and served four years; he was again elected to the same office the fall of 1906, and is present coroner of Chickasaw county. He has been for years a member of the town council and also a member of the school board and at the present time is president of the latter named body. From the first he has enjoyed a splendid practice in his profession.

BUTTER FACTORY.

The Fredericksburg Cheese Company opened a factory here in the year 1875. It was a stock company, and erected a building at a cost of \$1,600. Oliver Briggs, of Elgin, Illinois, was the superintendent and cheese maker. H. A. Simons, secretary and treasurer. This company made cheese for three years, when they ceased operations, the Wapsie Creamery was opened in the same building in the autumn of 1880, by Messrs Udall & Davis, of Jessup, Iowa, who after a few months sold to C. T. Haskett. He continued the business until September, 1882,

when he sold to Kipp & Harris, of New Hampton. In 1884 Haskett & Padden rebought the creamery of Kipp & Harris and ran it to 1889 when they sold to an association of farmers. Capital stock \$5000, shares \$2.50 each. I. W. Edson was the first secretary, retaining the position five years, during which time much new machinery was purchased and some improvements on buildings made. Hiram Pratt was first butter-maker. He was followed by E. F. Beebe, he by John Clark and he by Harry Forrester the present incumbent. The fall of 1884 Wm. Bee elected secretary. At that date there was a funded debt of \$2200 and a floating debt of \$663. This debt was paid in full within the two years following, besides paying for repairs and new apparatus as it was needed. When Mr. Bee retired from office December 1, 1903, after serving a term of nine years, there was a cash balance in the treasury of \$638.12.

In Mr. Whitcomb they have a worthy successor to Mr. Bee, who, with an able board of directors to direct and sustain him, will maintain the high standard already attained by this excellent, well managed, money saving farmer's creamery.

REPRESENTATIVES.

For Chickasaw county, Fredericksburg has furnished two Representatives to the State Legislature. Gilbert J. Tisdal (Republican) and D. B. Hanan (Democratic.) The Republi-

can nominee against Hanau was F. D. Bosworth of New Hampton. Mr. Hanan did not attend the first winter being sick at home during the entire term. He however drew his pay for attendance and also his mileage, all told, somewhere about \$640.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

The first Justice of the Peace here was O. H. P. Searl. He lived in what is now Dresden township, but at then Yankee precinct. He was chosen at an election held at the T. P. Vokes farm in 1855 or 1856. When Fredericksburg was laid out he came from his home here to acknowledge papers, nearly every day. He served for a number of years. D. B. Hanan elected 1857.

Henry Sholts was the second Justice. He served until he went to the war in 1862.

John I. Quackenbush was Justice of the Peace in 1862-3.

During the war we had no use for Justices. Judge S. G. Merrian was often referred to in cases that would come into their jurisdiction. About 1870 Charles Mabie was elected a Justice of the Peace but never qualified.

In 1872 J. V. Carpenter was elected and served until 1879.

George Bishop was elected in 1878 and served until 1888.

H. B. Carpenter elected 1881 and been continued in office to this time. Geo. W. Noble

was also a Justice some where along in these years.

S. P. Moore elected in 1895, is still a Justice.

HORSES.

There were many good teams brought here by the early settlers, but it was as late as 1881 before steps were taken to improve the breeding. In the year 1881 Mr. Cook sent here a very fine Norman horse named, I think, Louis XVI. He was a large horse, color, gray.

The spring of 1881 the Fredericksburg Horse Association purchased of Smith & Powell of Syracuse, N. Y. the trotting bred stallion "Horse" by Teornedale, dam Erilene by Ashland, by Membrino Chief at a cost of \$1320. He was a fine horse and sired excellent stock.

"Devan" by Blue Danube was also purchased of Smith & Powell by a second Fredericksburg Horse Association at a cost of \$1000. He did not prove a good investment.

PERCHERONS.

An association of farmers bought one named "Nord" at a cost of \$1600. He sired good servicable farm horses. He was sold and another one bought. He had his day and was sold. Upon the heels of this association another one of farmers thirty in number was formed. They bought a fine Percheron at a cost of \$3000.

William I. Colt Sr. brought into the township several heavy class horses. The Normans

were very popular. He owned one Clydesdale but they did not please our farmers. He also kept a Cleveland Bay horse but he was of little account as a sire.

CLEVELAND BAYS.

With the coming of the Lowrys from Illinois dates the coming of the Cleveland Bay horses here. They are a rangy breed of horses. As a rule they are high knee actors and showy when in harness. They sell well in the cities for coach horses.

BELGIUM HORSE.

Mr. Warburton about the year 1890 brought here two horses, one a Belgium and the other a Coach. He was here two years. In 1883 Jonathan Bradly brought a Belgium horse here.

CLYDESDALE HORSE.

J. H. Herrick brought in one in the spring of 1884.

ENGLISH SHIRE HORSE.

A company in the south part of the township own one. He is kept by George Chambers.

PAUL JOHN.

This horse sired excellent road and work horses. When one remembers the horse Paul John one will remember George R. Manchester.

MORGANS.

There was a strain of horses kept here called "Wege" named after a Norwegian who introduced the famous stallion into Fayette county. G. G. Crofts owned one of these strain called "Ben." They were Morgans, if we ever had any Morgan blood here.

THOROUGH-BREDS.

No strictly bred were raised here. Buel Sherman owned a mare called "Wild Lizzie," that he bred to Merrill a son of Lexington. The colts were rangy, high mettled and nervous.

RACER.

Charles Adrian No. 29533 by Adrian Wilkes, by George Wilkes, by Hambletonian 10, was owned by W. S. Pitts. He left excellent road horses, mostly pacers.

There was another horse brought here from Elgin, Illinois called "Old Bill" that left some of the most serviceable horses ever bred in the township. He was owned by the Muirs. His sire was the celebrated imported horse "Success" owned by Dunham of Illinois. His dam a trotting bred mare of a well known strain.

CATTLE.

The first settlers brought with them the common cattle. They were hardy but small.

SHORT HORN.

To Buel Sherman belongs the honor of introducing the Short Horn Durhams in 1861. William I. Colt and Myron Judge also bred them on their farms.

DEVONS.

Devon cattle were kept by Jos. H. Benedict, Hiram Benedict and J. H. Herrick.

HOLSTEINS.

John D. Herrick is the only man in the township that has bred them largely.

SWISS CATTLE.

There is one herd of them in the township. They are owned by John Morf.

JERSEYS.

Only two men have introduced and bred them here. William H. Linderman and S. S. Slocum. They sold them out as soon as they could and that at a loss.

HOGS.

Poland China or Magee--To John Dayton belongs the honor of bringing into this township this highly prized strain of hogs. He bought his stock in Ohio in 1872. He raised hundreds of them on his farm.

Berkshires--Buel Sherman introduced and bred this strain. He also bred the Suffolks.

The Chester Whites---To Edward Kenley belongs the credit of introducing this excellent breed of hogs into this part of Chickasaw county.

Jersey Reds---We think John D. Herrick is the man who first bred this strain of hogs in this township.

C. G. W. RAILROAD.

The railroad first came to Fredericksburg in 1886. It was known as the Minnesota Northwestern. The name was changed to Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City and afterwards again to the Chicago Great Western.

SAMUEL MARSH.

Samuel Marsh came to Iowa from Ohio. He came to Fredericksburg township in the year 1855 and located on land two miles east of town. Built his shanty on the bank of Plum creek. Lived alone for nearly two years and then built a house on the road in 1857. His family came on that year. His wife's name was Julia. Children: Alfred, Fidelia, Hannah and Eliza. Mr. Marsh raised the first field of corn grown in the township. He went to Pike's Peak for gold, also to California. Returned from California in 1862 driving a pair of Spanish mules the entire distance. He died at Salt Lake City. His remains were brought here for internment in Maple Grove Cemetery by the side of his wife and daughter, Eliza. Hannah

married R. W. Kidder; she died at Salt Lake City September 12, 1901. She too was brought here for burial. Alfred lives in Ohio. Don't know where Fidelia lives. She is married and at one time lived at Charles City, Iowa.

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