

were buried in one grave, the father being seventy-eight years of age at the time of his demise, while the mother had reached the age of sixty-eight years, when she was called to her final rest. They were people of the highest respectability, loved and esteemed by all who knew them. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wing has been blessed with three children: Nettie, wife of George Lusby, of Madison township, Fremont county; Levi E.; and John M., who is living in Harlan county, Nebraska.

In his political views Mr. Wing is a Democrat, but has never sought or desired office. He was a delegate to the farmers' congress at Fort Worth, Texas, and has been a prominent factor in promoting the agricultural interests of the community. His success is indicated by the fact that although he began life empty-handed he is to-day one of the heaviest tax payers of the entire county. He holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has a high regard of his brethren of the fraternity and the friendship of many of the best citizens of Fremont county. Improving his opportunities and making the most of his advantages, he has advanced steadily step by step to a prominent position in the financial world and at the same time has made an honorable record.

CHRISTOPHER KEYSER.

Christopher Keyser is living a retired life on his large farm on section thirty, in Benton township, Fremont county. He was born in Campbell county, West Virginia, February 10, 1832. His father is an octogenarian and is identified with agricultural pursuits in Sidney township, Fremont coun-

ty. Henry Keyser was reared to farm life in West Virginia until sixteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Missouri in 1848, making the journey by way of the water route. In the family were six sons, and one daughter was born to them in Missouri. The father purchased a farm in that state and Christopher continued to aid in its cultivation until he had attained his nineteenth year, when, in the fall of 1889, he left home and came to Iowa, one hundred miles north of his Missouri home. He worked by the month, hunted, fished and trapped, having become familiar with those lines of work in Virginia. He continued to reside in this locality with his uncles until his father sold his Missouri property and removed to Fremont county, following his two sons, Christopher and his younger brother, Samuel, who had previously come to Iowa, but the latter is now a resident of Kansas.

Mr. Keyser, of this review, was married on the 10th of October, 1851, to Olivia L. Lambert, of Benton township, Fremont county, who was born in Kentucky, July 13, 1837, and was then fifteen years of age. Their union has been blessed with the following children, of whom nine are now living: Elizabeth, wife of S. S. Orr, an extensive farmer of this locality; S. J., a farmer and business man of Percival, who is married and has eight children and has lost two; Abigail, who died at the age of thirteen years; Elvira, who became the wife of Paul Hine line and died leaving four children; Emma, who died at the age of eighteen years; C. C., a farmer of Benton township, who is married; Eddie, who is living on his farm in Benton township and has five children; W. W., who resides on a part of

his father's farm and is married and has one daughter; Emma, who died at the age of eighteen years; Louisa, wife of Ambrose Parkerson, a merchant of Percival, by whom she has one son; Hannah J., wife of William Wood, of Benton township, and they have four children; Maggie, wife of Bert O'Connor, who operates a part of his father's farm and by whom she has one son; and Freddie, who is at home unmarried and assists in the operation of the home farm and also carries on business in Percival.

Mr. Keyser is the owner of one thousand acres of the rich bottom land of Fremont county, worth not less than forty dollars per acre, and he keeps stock enough to consume all of the products of the farm, carrying on that line of business on an extensive scale. He raises fine red polled cattle, having a number of thoroughbreds. He also has good grades of horses, mules and jacks to the number of two hundred and has a valuable flock of Shropshire sheep. He has about five hundred acres planted to corn, yielding twenty thousand bushels, and this he feeds to his stock. He is a most enterprising, progressive and practical farmer, and his business has brought to him very gratifying success. He was a man of great strength and endurance and has been actively concerned in the control of his farm until recent years, when rheumatism forced him to relegate the more arduous duties of farm life to others. In 1897 he erected his present large and commodious residence, which stands within twenty rods of the old home in which his marriage was celebrated. He is a Republican in politics and has been township trustee. His wife is a member of the Methodist church. They were the first

white people married in the county, Rev. John Todd performing the ceremony. From the period of early pioneer development they have been witnesses of the growth and progress of this portion of the state and have done all in their power to promote its advancement. As highly esteemed people and worthy early settlers they well deserve representation in this volume.

LOUIS D. McMULLIN.

A well known and highly esteemed citizen of Indian Creek township, Mills county, Iowa, is Louis D. McMullin, the subject of this review. He was born in 1830, in Ohio, but was reared in that part of Virginia now known as West Virginia, having been taken there a child of seven years. He was a son of James and Mary (Vears) McMullin, the latter a daughter of Elisha Vears, of German ancestry, but a native of Pennsylvania. Her birth was in Ohio and she died in Illinois. The paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland who immigrated to this country and became a soldier in the Revolutionary war, dying in that service. James McMullin was born in Ohio, but his death took place in West Virginia. The members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. McMullin were,—William; Minerva J., deceased; Mrs. Diantha Wagoner, living in California; James, who died in Ottumwa, Iowa; and our subject.

In 1852 our subject left West Virginia with his mother and located in Henderson county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and was a brick-mason and contractor from his twenty-second year until about six years ago, putting up many of the best brick buildings in this part of Iowa. He