

was absolutely honorable in all his dealings with the public and this principle through life gained him the confidence and esteem of the people. It also was an element in his success, which was of a very substantial nature. He left a valuable estate in farm lands, town properties and stocks. True to the habits of lifelong foresight, he conveyed all his holdings to his family and no court procedures were necessary. Two daughters, Cora A., aged eighteen, and Elizabeth Frank, aged twenty-seven, preceded him in death. The four children left to mourn the loss of a devoted father are Louisa May, wife of Andrew Z. Bailey, a substantial merchant of New Hampton, Iowa; Henrietta, wife of Charles J. Martin, cashier of the Rock County Bank of Luverne, Minnesota; Fannie Esther, wife of George E. Himes, cashier of the First National Bank of Lawler; and Clifton Mason Parker, who as president of the bank has continued the business capacity and integrity of his father. Lieutenant Parker repeatedly expressed himself as satisfied if permitted to continue his labors until all his children had received the benefits of college education for it was his great desire to thus prepare them for the practical responsibilities of life. He succeeded not alone in doing this and leaving them a substantial competence also but by his upright life left the priceless heritage of a good name; his memory revered by all his associates. Mrs. Parker, a genuine helpmeet and mother, now makes her home among her children. There are eight grandchildren, Cora A. Martin-Benton, Fannie May Martin, Henrietta Elizabeth Martin, Esther Lenore Martin, Charles Andrew Martin, May Himes, William Clapham Parker and Catherine Parker.

#### BERT MILES.

Bert Miles, who follows farming on section 29, Saratoga township, Howard county, has always made his home in this township, where his birth occurred September 22, 1871. He is a son of William and Jane (Arnold) Miles, the former a native of Indiana, born March 10, 1837, while the latter was born in Ireland, January 11, 1835. The youthful days of Bert Miles were spent in the usual manner of the farm lad. Through the winter seasons he attended school and in the summer months worked upon the home farm with his father and throughout his entire life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits. He has followed farming independently for a long period and is now the owner of one hundred and fifty-six acres of excellent land lying in section 29, Saratoga township. This he has carefully developed and his fields are well tilled, returning to him golden harvests as a reward for his labor. Mr. Miles was the trainer and owner of Penica Maid one of Iowa's famous trotters, which was afterward sold for twenty-five thousand dollars. She was the champion state trotter of 1909.

Mr. Miles was united in marriage to Miss Annie Koinek at Owatona, Minnesota. October 7, 1903. They have one daughter. Gladys Leone, now attending school. In politics he maintains an independent course, supporting men and measures rather than party. He has never sought or desired political office but is recognized as a good, substantial citizen and one whose cooperation can be counted upon at any time to further the general welfare.

#### ADOLF ZAHASKY.

Adolf Zahasky is a farmer of Utica township, Chickasaw county, living on section 23, where he is engaged in the raising of registered Poland China hogs and thoroughbred black polled cattle, his activity and success along this line having numbered him with the representative stock raisers of this section of the state.

He was born upon the farm which he now owns, his natal day being August 24, 1887. His parents were Frank and Catherine (Fisher) Zahasky, the former a native of Bohemia, while the latter was born in Spillville, Winneshiek county, Iowa. The father came to the United States about 1853, when a child of six years, in company