

made his way into the interior of the country, settling in Darlington, Lafayette county, Wisconsin, where he took up the occupation of farming. There he remained until 1870, when he brought his family to Iowa and purchased a farm in Howard county. He then bent his energies to the further development and improvement of that place, on which he lived until his death on the 27th of September, 1884. His had been an active and useful life, winning for him the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

Richard E. McCarville was reared under the parental roof and his educational opportunities were those accorded by the public schools of Howard county. At the time of his father's death he took over the home farm in connection with his brothers and after a few years he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the property and began operating the farm independently. The improvements upon the place at the present time were put there by him and stand as monuments to his progressive spirit and enterprise. He has ever been diligent and determined in carrying on his farm work and his labors have been productive of splendid results.

On the 29th of August, 1891, Mr. McCarville was married to Miss Theresa Byrnes, a daughter of Charles and Ann Byrnes, of Cresco, Iowa. She was born at Fox Lake, Wisconsin, a daughter of Charles and Ann (Madden) Byrnes. Mr. and Mrs. McCarville began their domestic life upon the farm which is still their home. To them have been born six children: Raphael E., Florence C., Mary L., Gladys E., Regina A., and Margaret, who died in infancy. The living children are all with their parents upon the home farm and are being accorded good educational opportunities, the three oldest daughters being graduates of the Cresco high school.

Mr. McCarville has been school treasurer for the past sixteen years and has otherwise filled public office, serving as superintendent of road improvement for the last three years. In politics he is a democrat. Mr. McCarville and his family attend the Catholic church of Lourdes, and the son, Raphael E., is a member of the Knights of Columbus, which fraternity draws its membership only from people of Catholic faith. While born in Wisconsin, Mr. McCarville has spent almost his entire life in Howard county and has been a witness of the rapid changes which have occurred as this district has been converted from a wild and unimproved region into one of rich fertility, constituting one of the excellent farming districts of the state.

SIDNEY W. LARRABEE.

Sidney W. Larrabee, who is engaged in general farming on section 33, Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, was born near Rockford, Illinois, April 5, 1856, a son of William H. and Esther (Tibbits) Larrabee, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in the state of New York. They were married in the Empire state, the father having removed to New York with his parents when a lad of nine years. After his marriage he removed westward with his bride to Mentor, Ohio, where he lived for a number of years, devoting his attention to farming during that period. He afterward spent two years in Cleveland, Ohio, where he engaged in teaming and draying. He was a resident there during the cholera scourge of 1850. From Cleveland he went to Illinois, settling on a farm near Rockford, and in 1856, when his son Sidney was but three weeks old he brought his family to Chickasaw county, Iowa, then a frontier district in which the work of development and improvement had scarcely been begun. He secured a pre-emption claim of forty acres on section 8, Deerfield township, for which he paid a dollar and a quarter per acre, and upon that farm he lived for four years. He then sold the property and made investment in eighty acres on section 33, Deerfield township, and occupied that place throughout the remainder of his active business life. His wife passed away in 1878 and after her death Mr. Larrabee took up his home with his son Sidney, with whom he lived until called to his final rest in 1914, when eighty-seven years of age. Sidney W. Larrabee acquired a district school education and spent his youthful days in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy, early acquiring knowledge concerning the best methods of tilling the fields that has been of great value and use to him in later years. On the 11th of May, 1878, Mr. Larrabee was united in marriage to Miss Alice A.