

natives of Anglesey, Wales. They are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of their son, D. W. Davis. The father of W. O. Davis was born November 27, 1850, and was therefore a lad of eleven years when his parents removed west of the Mississippi, settling in Fillmore county, Minnesota. In 1869 he arrived in Howard county, Iowa, with the family and soon after reaching his majority he began farming on his own account on a tract of land five miles northeast of Lime Springs which he purchased. He afterward added to his holdings as his financial resources increased until he was the owner of two hundred and eighty-four acres of valuable farm land. He also acquired a farm adjoining on the south, comprising one hundred and seventy-two acres, and for many years he was actively identified with the agricultural development of his section of the state. He carried on his farm work according to most progressive methods and his enterprise and energy enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path. At length he retired from active business and removed to Lime Springs in 1912. There he spent his remaining days, his death occurring January 26, 1918. He was a republican in his political views and was an influential factor in the local councils of his party.

W. O. Davis was reared upon the old homestead farm and the district schools afforded him his early educational opportunities, while later he attended the Lime Springs high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910. He remained upon the home farm for two years thereafter and in 1912 became a resident of Lime Springs, where he engaged in the pump and windmill repairing business, following that trade until June, 1914, when he entered into partnership with M. H. Jones and purchased the site of the store now occupied by the firm. They began the erection of their modern brick block, which is the finest business block in Lime Springs. The firm of Jones & Davis was organized in February, 1915, and in December, 1916, they removed into their new building and have since enjoyed a large and growing trade, their establishment being the expression of modern business enterprise.

Mr. Davis is a member of Howard Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M.; Shiloh Chapter, No. 65, R. A. M.; and Utopia Chapter, No. 379, O. E. S. He is keenly interested in all that tends to promote the interests of the fraternity or to upbuild the county in which he has spent his entire life. He is actuated by a progressive spirit that prompts his hearty cooperation in plans and measures for the general good and many tangible evidences of his public-spirited citizenship may be cited.

CARL PRINZ.

Carl Prinz, engaged in general farming on section 19, Saratoga township, Howard county, was born in Germany, May 28, 1850, and in that country his parents, Frederick and Marie (Will) Prinz, spent their entire lives, both having now passed away. Under the parental roof Carl Prinz remained until he had attained his majority. In fact it was not until July, 1889, that he came to the United States, at which date he made his way across the country and established his home in Saratoga township, Howard county, Iowa. Here he began work as a farm hand and was thus employed for a number of years. He likewise worked at the mason's trade. He was ambitious to engage in business on his own account, however, and carefully saved his earnings until he was able in 1901 to make investment in land and became the owner of seventy-six acres, constituting his present farm. Through the intervening period of eighteen years he has carefully, systematically and profitably cultivated his land and his fields now return to him a gratifying annual income. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Company of Saratoga and is constantly studying questions that have to do with the welfare and progress of the farming community.

In 1876 Mr. Prinz was united in marriage to Miss Marie Schubir and they have become the parents of six children: Ida, who is married and resides in Colfax, Washington; Charles Warren, who is married and makes his home in St. Paul, Minnesota; Minnie, who is married and lives in Howard township, Howard county; Emma, at home; Otto, who is married and resides upon the home farm; and August, who became a