

who led the American forces in the capture of Fort Ticonderoga in the Revolutionary war, a campaign which won for him the title of general.

It was during the childhood of Norman Allen Haven that his parents removed from New York to Canada, where they resided for a few years. In the year 1856 they again crossed the border between Canada and the United States and established their home in Rock county, Wisconsin, where the father engaged in farming until 1858, in which year they removed to Foreston township and there resided until 1859. In that year the family home was established in Forest City township, Howard county, Iowa. Norman A. Haven accompanied his parents on their various removals and was a youth of seventeen years when he took up his abode upon what is now known as the old Haven homestead. There he attained his majority and through the period of his youth and early manhood his attention was given to the farm work, so that he became thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and was able to take charge of farming interests on his own account when he established a home of his own.

In the year 1883 Mr. Haven was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Jones and to them were born two sons, George B. and Norman Allen, Jr. The son George B. was married in 1914 to Miss Ruth Dykeman and they have two children, June Marie and Leonora Esther. The other son is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

The death of Norman Allen Haven was a matter of deep and widespread regret not only to his immediate family but to all who knew him. He passed away at his home in Forest City township, Howard county, May 23, 1911, and was laid to rest in Pleasant Hill cemetery three days later. He was a man of upright character and of strong convictions, to which he was always true and loyal. His sterling worth was recognized by all with whom he came in contact. In politics he was a republican but never sought or desired office as a reward for party fealty. He gave loyal support, however, to measures and movements which he believed would prove of worth to the county and the commonwealth and in matters of citizenship his aid and influence were always on the side of improvement.

#### ALBERT J. MIKESH.

Albert J. Mikesh, a merchant of Protivin, who for two years has conducted one of the excellent stores of the town, was born in Spillville, Iowa, April 22, 1869. His father, John W. Mikesh, was a native of Bohemia and came to the United States when twelve years of age. He made his way to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he was employed as a farm hand for a few years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land. He became the owner of a farm at Spillville and continued its cultivation and improvement to the time of his death, which occurred in 1914. He erected all of the buildings upon the place and converted it into a modern farm, equipped with all the improvements and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century. His first purchase made him owner of forty acres of land, to which he gradually added as his financial resources increased until he was the owner of one hundred and ninety acres. He married Frances Janoush, a daughter of John Janoush, of Spillville, and passed away in 1914, at the age of seventy-two years, on the old home farm, which he had so long owned and occupied. He had filled the office of road supervisor for a number of years and was interested in the welfare, upbuilding and progress of the community. But a young lad when brought to America, he supplemented his education, acquired in Bohemia, by attending the public schools of Winneshiek county. When the country needed his aid in the preservation of the Union he joined the army of the north and was wounded in battle but entirely recovered and throughout his remaining days he displayed the same loyalty to his adopted land that he manifested when he followed the nation's starry banner on the battlefields of the south. At the time of the father's death his son, Louis Mikesh, took over the farm and has since continued its cultivation.