

[n fact his name became a synonym for enterprise and progressiveness among the grain merchants of this section of the state.

In 1866 Mr. Huntting was united in marriage to Miss Mary Thomas, a daughter of Ebenezer and Isabel (DeWolf) Thomas and a native of Eagle, Waukesha county, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Huntting were born two children: William, who is now engaged in the grain business at the old location where his father so long remained; and Frank, living in Fairmont, Minnesota.

The year 1877 marked the big wheat crop in this vicinity and Mr. Huntting handled a tremendous volume of business in the elevator. He was a man of keen business discernment and enterprise whose plans were always carefully formulated, and his energy and determination brought to him a measure of success that was most gratifying. Moreover, the integrity of his business methods was never called into question, so that he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name when in July, 1896, he passed away. His political support was given to the democratic party and he always stood for that which is progressive in citizenship. His widow died in 1918, aged seventy-seven years, at Cresco. As a pioneer resident of Iowa, Mr. Huntting was well known and the value of his activities as a factor in the world's work was widely acknowledged in the community in which he resided.

M. B. DAVIS.

M. B. Davis, manager of the interests of the Huntting Elevator Company at Lime Springs, was born December 13, 1870, in the town in which he still lives. He is a son of John M. and Ann (Thomas) Davis, both of whom were natives of Wales, where they were reared and married. Soon afterward they came to the United States, crossing the Atlantic about 1868 or 1869 and making their way direct to Howard county, Iowa. They settled in Lime Springs, where the father engaged in the hardware business and later followed various commercial enterprises. Both he and his wife have passed away. The family of this name is not connected with the other Davis families here.

M. B. Davis was reared at Lime Springs, where he has always made his home. In the pursuit of his education he passed through consecutive grades to the high school. After reaching manhood he became identified with farming, which he followed for a number of years, and later devoted four years to work in a lumberyard in Lime Springs. For the past twenty-two or twenty-three years he has looked after the interests of the Huntting Elevator Company, having in charge their grain business at Lime Springs. His capability, faithfulness and business enterprise are manifest in the fact that he has so long been retained in the service of this company.

On the 25th of October, 1905, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Ella May Pettit, of Lime Springs, a daughter of Alonzo Mills and Ella Jane (Williams) Pettit. The father was born in New York state August 5, 1825, and his parents were Susan Christy and William Pettit. When Alonzo Pettit was ten years old the family moved from Mayfield, New York, to Alexander Bay, on the St. Lawrence river. When eighteen years old he went to Milwaukee and worked in a shingle yard packing shingles. He worked there for about three years, when he went to Rockton, Illinois. At that time he weighed sixty pounds. He worked in the paper mill in Rockton, and coming west with John F. Thayer's family in 1856, he located in Howard Center. He was the first postmaster there. When Lime Springs was started he left Howard Center and was the first postmaster in Lime Springs, which office he held until his death, January 17, 1888. He was married August 9, 1876, to Ella T. Williams, of Chatfield, Minnesota, and they became the parents of five children, Ella, Belle, Alonzo, Chester and Mary, of whom the four first mentioned are living. His widow survives and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who by their marriage have become the parents of three children: Anna May, Morgan Benjamin and John Rollins.

In politics Mr. Davis is a republican, giving stalwart allegiance to the party and its principles. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are