

families of this section of the state. His parents were William and Margaret (Sweck) Wilkins, who were married at Charles City, Iowa, where they had become acquainted some time before. Both passed away in Chickasaw county.

In his youthful days William M. Wilkins attended the district schools and when not busy with his textbooks aided his father in the work of the farm. He continued to assist in its further cultivation and improvement until he reached the age of twenty-four years. Removing to Webster, South Dakota, in 1893, he there engaged in the livery business for a period of six years, or until 1899, when he returned to the old homestead in Dayton township, Chickasaw county, his father having deeded to him eighty acres of land. He has since bought an additional tract of thirteen acres, so that he now has a good farm of ninety-three acres. Upon this place he has continuously resided for twenty years and has made it an excellent farm property of the district. He is also a director of the Chickasaw County Equity Cooperative Association of New Hampton.

While residing at Webster, South Dakota, Mr. Wilkins was married on the 14th of November, 1893, to Miss Jessie Faling, of that place, a daughter of William P. and Mae (Higgins) Faling, who are still living at Webster. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins are parents of ten living children and eight of the number are still at home. In order of birth these are: William, who married Reta Griffin; Frank; Henry; Mary, the wife of James McGrane; Jessie; Bertha; Laura; Margaret; Clara; and Earl.

Mr. Wilkins gives stanch endorsement to the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He served on the Liberty Loan committee for Dayton township during the third, fourth and fifth loan drives and he also did active work as a member of the Red Cross committee. He is the secretary of Blotti Local and he is widely and favorably known in Chickasaw county, where the greater part of his life has been passed and where his labors have been so directed as to win for him substantial success, while the ruling principles of his life are such as have won for him confidence and regard.

J. M. PHILLIPS.

J. M. Phillips is one of the venerable citizens of Albion township, Howard county. He has passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey, for his birth occurred in the state of New York, May 11, 1832. He now makes his home on section 28. Albion township, where he owns one hundred and twenty acres of land. During his boyhood days he left the Empire state in company with his parents, William and Elizabeth (Runceman) Phillips, who removed to Michigan. They, too, were natives of the state of New York, but the opportunities of the west were so alluring that they left the Atlantic coast and made their way to the Mississippi valley. They remained, however, for only a brief period in Michigan and then removed to Indiana. It was in the year 1855 that J. M. Phillips of this review became a resident of Howard county, Iowa, taking up his abode in Albion township, where he resided until 1861. He then put aside all personal considerations and business cares and responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of the Thirty-eighth Iowa Regiment in defense of the Union cause in the Civil war. He served at the front until the close of hostilities in 1865, when he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home in Howard county. He then resumed the occupation of farming, which he made his life work. It was three years before he entered the army that he was united in marriage to Miss Rosetta Hurley and to them were born nine children, of whom seven are yet living, as follows: Llewellyn R., Howard C., Leon, Lizzie, Bert, May and Ulysses.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Phillips is a Mason, belonging to Lime Spring Lodge, No. 214. He has ever been a loyal exemplar of the craft and is keenly interested in the promotion of the principles which constitute the basic elements of the society. In politics he has long been a republican and he was a strong support-of Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He gave equally loyal allegiance to Garfield and to