

father was a lifelong republican in politics but never an aspirant for political preferment. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was one of the foremost citizens of Howard township, highly respected because of the sterling traits of character which he displayed in every relation of life.

Charles A. Mead was educated in the district schools and he has always possessed an observing eye and retentive memory and in this way has become a well informed man. Reading has ever been a matter of interest to him and he has thus kept in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress. In 1890, on reaching his twenty-second year, he took charge of the home farm in connection with his brother, W. W. Mead, and for three years the two brothers cultivated the place together. In 1891 the farm was divided between them and Charles A. Mead came into possession of one hundred and twenty acres of this farm through purchase, while his brother took over the remaining one hundred and twenty acres. In 1893 they separated their business interests and have since farmed independently. In addition to the original tract which he acquired, Charles A. Mead owns three hundred and twenty acres of land in the province of Alberta, Canada. He has been most energetic and progressive in the development of his home place, which is now one of the excellently improved properties of the district. Its highly cultivated fields, its modern improvements and high grade stock all indicate the practical and progressive spirit of the owner. Mr. Mead is also a stockholder in the Howard County Cooperative Equity Association and in the Elma Cooperative Creamery Company.

In 1895 Mr. Mead was united in marriage to Miss Grace Luella Pooler, of Afton township, Howard county, who was a graduate of the Elma high school of the class of 1894 and who successfully taught school for one year. She also served as secretary of the school board of her district for a number of years and the cause of education ever found in her a warm friend. She belonged to Elma Chapter, O. E. S., and was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the faith of which she passed away July 23, 1918, leaving three children: Harland W., Inez C., and Robert E., all at home. Two other children have departed this life.

Mr. Mead is an exemplary member of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 528, A. F. & A. M., of Elma, to which his son, Harland W., also belongs. Politically he is a republican and has served as township assessor for one term, while for many years he has been a member of the school board in his district and was president of the board for several years, while at this writing, in 1919, he is serving as school treasurer. Every project or plan that tends to benefit the community in which he resides receives his earnest support and he is actuated by a progressive spirit that has made him a valuable citizen. He has watched the progress and development of this section of the state until the years, added to the cycle of the centuries, have numbered fifty. Great changes have been wrought during this period and no one rejoices more heartily in what has been accomplished along the line of public improvement and benefit than does Charles A. Mead, now one of the honored pioneer settlers of this region.

E. R. FRAZEE.

E. R. Frazee, carrying on general farming on section 32, Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this section of the state and was born upon what is known as the old Frazee homestead in Chickasaw township on the 10th of March, 1867. His father, Benjamin Frazee, is mentioned at length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of his son, James O, Frazee.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, E. R. Frazee at the usual age became a pupil in the district schools and in periods of summer vacation he worked in the fields. He remained upon the home farm after reaching early manhood, cooperating with his father in its further development and improvement up to the time of his marriage.

On the 28th of April, 1897, Mr. Frazee wedded Miss Clara B. Dickson, a