

His son, Benjamin Frazee, was born in Perry county, Ohio, June 11, 1828, and was reared to manhood in Frankfort, Indiana, where he taught school for several years, and in 1854 he came with his parents to Chickasaw county, Iowa, being then a young man of about twenty-six years. Ten years later, on the 29th of December, 1864, he wedded Miss Mary S. Michael and they became the parents of four children, two of whom, a son and a daughter, died in early childhood. The two surviving sons are James O. and E. R. Frazee, the latter also mentioned in this work. The father was a man of sterling character and all who knew him were glad to call him friend. He possessed a quiet, retiring disposition, and his sterling worth was widely recognized and commanded for him the confidence and regard of all. He ever took an active interest in public affairs, yet he was never an aspirant for office, preferring to devote his time to the enjoyment of the companionship of his family and the management of his private business interests. However, he served many times as assessor, trustee and school director. As a farmer he was quite successful, and, adding to his holdings, he acquired five hundred and sixty-seven acres of the fertile land of Chickasaw county. Wherever he was known he was spoken of in terms of high regard. He reached an honored old age, passing away February 8, 1914, at the age of eighty-five years, seven months and twenty-eight days. His widow survived him for about five years, her death occurring July 4, 1919.

James O. Frazee is indebted to the district school system for the educational opportunities that qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. On the 26th of August, 1901, he was united in marriage to Miss Lena Albertson, a daughter of F. D. Albertson, of Chickasaw township. Two years prior to his marriage Mr. Frazee had begun farming for himself, taking charge of and operating the old home place, which he inherited following his father's demise. His landed possessions now comprise three hundred and six acres, constituting a well improved farm property that gives every evidence of his careful supervision and practical methods. He has worked diligently and his labors have brought good results.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frazee has been born a daughter, Gertrude May, who is the life and light of the household. Politically Mr. Frazee is a democrat and while not a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking, he is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the state. He has been a member of the school board on several different occasions and rejoices in whatever is accomplished for the welfare of community and commonwealth. He represents one of the old pioneer families and the work which was instituted by his grandfather and carried on by his father is still being promoted by James O. Frazee. whose diligence and determination are recognized characteristics.

JOHN C. SVESTKA.

John C. Svestka, carrying on general farming on section 9, New Oregon township, Howard county, was born January 10, 1880, on the farm which is still his place of residence, his parents being Jacob and Mary (Kalishek) Svestka, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work In connection with the sketch of L. V. Svestka He was educated in the district schools, and having arrived at years of maturity, was married on the 14th of October, 1902, to Miss Rosa Pecinovsky, a daughter of Joseph F. Pecinovsky, who is also represented elsewhere in this work. In the year following his marriage Mr. Svestka began farming on his own account, his father removing to Protivin, while John C. Svestka took charge of the old homestead farm. The following year he purchased the property and has continued to make his home thereon throughout the intervening period. He today owns and cultivates one hundred and twenty acres and is also farming eighty acres of rented land, situated just across the road from his home place. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and annually gathers good crops as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon his land, He employs the