

the fall of 1856 he entered into partnership with J. W. Stiles in the livery business and was thus connected for three years. On the 7th of October, 1857, Mr. Goocher was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Bottler, of Decorah, and in 1859 he removed with his family to Orleans township, Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he turned his attention to farming and stock raising. There he carefully tilled the soil and carried on his business, meeting with substantial success in his undertakings until 1894, when he built a home about a mile south of the old farm and retired from active business life, enjoying a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. He resided upon that place until his demise, which occurred on the 27th of January, 1897. To Mr. and Mrs. Goocher were born four children, Henry W., George B., Alice and Carrie, but the last named died at the age of three years, and the family circle was again broken by the hand of death when Mr. Knox passed away in 1897.

He had always given his political support to the republican party and he stood for progressive citizenship, cooperating in many well denned plans and measures for the general good. Fraternally he was a Mason and exemplified in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He was always thoroughly reliable as well as progressive in his business affairs and his carefully directed interests brought to him a substantial measure of success, so that he was able to leave his family in comfortable financial circumstances, and at the same time he left to them the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

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W. G. Shaffer is president of the Second National Bank of New Hampton and president of the Aetna Savings Bank at McIntire, Iowa. In all of his business career he has been characterized by thoroughness, delving below the surface of things and mastering every problem that has confronted him. He has thus made his labors count for the utmost and his efforts have at all times been guided by a sound judgment that has readily discriminated between the essential and the non-essential. His success in one venture has enabled him to extend his efforts and in addition to his connection with the institutions already named he is president of the First National Bank at Hopkins, Minnesota, vice president of the First State Bank of Fredericksburg, Iowa, and half owner of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Riceville, Iowa, a private banking institution. He is likewise a director and stockholder in several other banks and his name carries weight in financial circles throughout northern Iowa.

Mr. Shaffer was born in Jacksonville township, Chickasaw county, April 26, 1860, a son of H. H. and Sarah (Albert) Shaffer, both of whom were natives of Butler county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. Soon afterward they removed westward to Iowa, where they took up their abode early in 1855. H. H. Shaffer had previously made a trip to Chickasaw county in 1853 and had located land in Jacksonville township on which he settled with his bride in the spring of 1855. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of his farm and thereon continued to reside until his death, which occurred on the 23d of November, 1882. He was a man of strong purpose who accomplished what he undertook and as the years passed he acquired extensive land holdings throughout the county. While his school training was limited, he became through experience, observation and wide reading a well informed man. He taught school for a number of years both in Pennsylvania and in Iowa and was also called upon for public service, filling the position of county surveyor of Chickasaw county for a number of years. His worth was manifest in many directions and Chickasaw county numbered him among her most prominent, influential and valued citizens.

W. G. Shaffer was educated in the public schools of Chickasaw county and also attended the Breckenridge Institute at Decorah, Iowa. After reaching adult age he took up agricultural pursuits as a life work and following his father's death took charge of and operated the home farm. He was thus actively engaged in farming until 1891, when he left the farm and removed to New Hampton. In February of the following year