

Penny, a daughter of Frank and Caroline (Barker) Penny. Mrs. Lee was born in Mitchell county, Iowa, while her father was a native of England and her mother's birth occurred in the state of New York. Dr. and Mrs. Lee have become the parents of a son and a daughter, Robert John and Helen Marie, both attending the public schools. Mrs. Lee came of a family of physicians, her ancestors having given their attention largely to the practice of medicine through various generations. While Dr. and Mrs. Lee have always been residents of the city, his time and energies are now largely given to the development and improvement of a farm and to stock raising interests. He makes a specialty of raising Poland China hogs and has won substantial success in the business.

In political views Dr. Lee has always maintained an independent course, nor has he ever sought or desired office. He was a liberal donor toward the Red Cross during the period of the war and a generous supporter of the Liberty Loan drives. He is an active worker for the Boy Scouts and has given much time to instructing them along the line of first aid. Fraternally he is connected with the Riceville lodge of Masons and in his life exemplifies the beneficent principles of the craft, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations thereby imposed. His life has indeed been a busy and useful one and he has continually reached out a helping hand to assist fellow travelers on the journey of life.

#### ANTHONY KRAMER.

Anthony Kramer, a representative of the farming interests of Chickasaw county, makes his home on section 11, Chickasaw township. He was born in Fayette county, Iowa, September 18, 1858, and is a son of Andrew and Francesca Kramer, who were natives of Germany. They were probably married, however, in Pennsylvania and about 1853 removed westward to Iowa, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Fayette county, where they resided until 1867. They then came to Chickasaw county, taking up their abode in Washington township, where Mr. Kramer bought eighty acres of land, and thereon he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1877. He had for a brief period survived his wife, who died April 24, 1874.

Anthony Kramer had but limited chance to obtain an education but when opportunity offered he attended the district schools. His parents were in humble financial circumstances and his aid was needed upon the farm when there was work to be done. He was nineteen years of age when his father died and he and an elder brother took charge of the home place and through the following four years continued its further cultivation and improvement. This period embraced three years of wheat crop failure, and being unable to raise anything, the brothers determined to sell the home place. In 1883, therefore, the family was broken up and Anthony Kramer began work as a farm hand. Times were hard and during many winter seasons he worked for twelve dollars per month. He is now one of the prosperous agriculturists of the county, his present prosperity being in marked contrast to his financial condition of a few decades ago.

On the 25th of February, 1895, Mr. Kramer was joined in wedlock to Miss Elizabeth Jane Conley, a daughter of Michael Conley, now deceased, who was one of the early settlers of Chickasaw township, establishing his home in Chickasaw county about 1855. Previously he had been one of the famous '49ers who made the trip across the plains to California following the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast. In fact he made two different trips to that state.

After his marriage Mr. Kramer located upon his present home farm, which his wife inherited from her father and which is now owned by Mr. Kramer. It comprises one hundred acres of well improved and valuable property, constituting a most pleasing feature in the landscape.

In 1914 Mr. Kramer was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 14th of September of that year, leaving five children: Anna M. P., at home; William Patrick, who died January 15, 1919, of influenza while attending the