

in both positions. His fraternal connection is with the Knights of Columbus, which indicates his affiliation with the Catholic church, of which his wife and children are also communicants. His entire life has been spent in Howard county and that his career has ever been upright and honorable is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his staunch friends.

FRANK J. LUKES.

One of the old and representative pioneer families of Chickasaw county is the LuKes family, to which Frank J. Lukes belongs. He follows farming on section 14, Utica township, and it was in this township that his birth occurred September 29, 1877. His parents, Frank and Barbara Lukes, came to this country from Bohemia in early life, being brought to the new world by their respective parents when quite young, the two families being established in Utica township in pioneer days, when the work of modern progress and improvement seemed scarcely begun. The young people met and were married in Chickasaw county and for many years Mr. Lukes remained an enterprising farmer of Utica township, where he passed away about ten years ago. His widow survived him for a number of years and departed this life in the same township in July, 1919. Thus two of the well known and worthy pioneer people of the state were called to the home beyond but their memory is yet enshrined in the hearts of those who knew them,

Frank J. Lukes was educated in the district schools of his native township and when not busy with the work of the schoolroom he largely devoted his attention to the work of the fields, assisting his father until he reached the age of twenty-two. He was then united in marriage on the 8th of May, 1899, to Miss Mary Sobalsky, a daughter of Frank and Mary Sobalsky. They, too, were natives of Bohemia and on their emigration to the United States made their way across the country to become residents of Utica township, Chickasaw county, Iowa. The father died in that township in 1917, but the mother survives and occupies the old homestead farm. Mr. and Mrs. Lukes have become the parents of a daughter, Emma, who is at home.

It was about the time of his marriage that Mr. Lukes purchased his present home property and he has since lived thereon. He now has one hundred and sixty acres of land and has transformed this place into well kept and highly cultivated fields. There are substantial improvements upon the farm and everything about the place bespeaks diligence and thrift. In politics Mr. Lukes is a democrat, while in religious faith he and his family are identified with the Catholic church of Little Turkey. He has always lived in Iowa and there are few elements in the history of his native county and this section of the state with which he is not familiar, having for forty-two years made his home within the borders of Chickasaw county.

WALTER B. JARRED.

Energy and determination feature as factors in the successful farming interests of Walter B Jarred, who makes his home on section 17, Chester township, Howard county, and is probably the oldest living resident of the county, for he has continuously made his home within its borders since he was born on the banks of the Iowa river in Chester township, November 1, 1854. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Scott) Jarred, both natives of England, where they were reared and married. About 1851 they determined to try their fortune in the new world and, coming to the United States, were for two years residents of Wisconsin, after which they journeyed westward with oxen and a few household effects to Howard county, Iowa. They took up their abode in Chester township, the father securing one hundred and sixty acres of government land on the banks of the Iowa river, and there he established his home, sharing in all the hardships and privations incident