

As stated, Mr. Barnes has remained continuously upon his present home place since the year following his marriage and his work has wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, making it one of the model farm properties of Chickasaw county in the twentieth century. He is also a stockholder in the Lawler Shipping Association, engaged in the live stock and grain business, and is a stockholder in the Lawler Creamery Association.

Mr. Barnes and his family are communicants of the Catholic church and he is identified also with the Knights of Columbus and with the Catholic Order of Foresters. His political support is staunchly given to the republican party and for the past five years he has served as treasurer of the school board, while for several years prior to this time he was a member of the board. He has ever been keenly interested in educational progress and was instrumental in bringing the schools of his district up to the present high point of efficiency. He is regarded as one of the foremost citizens of Utica township, manifesting a spirit of enterprise and progress in all that he does or undertakes. He never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose and that his labors have ever been intelligently directed is indicated in the fact that he is today the owner of a valuable place of two hundred acres, the Evergreen Hill Farm being one of the attractive features in the district.

C. J. MILLER.

A fine farm property of two hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 9, Chickasaw township, Chickasaw county, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by the owner, C. J. Miller, who has devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits in this county. His birth occurred February 7, 1871, in the township which is still his home, his parents being D. C. and Sophia (Button) Miller, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. They came west with their parents and settled at old Chickasaw, where they became acquainted and were married. The father died January 19, 1891, at the age of fifty-four years, four months and three days, while the mother passed away January 24, 1900, aged fifty-eight years, eleven months and eleven days. Both died in Chickasaw township, where they had lived for many years, identified with its agricultural interests. At the time of his death the father was the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of good farm land.

C. J. Miller was educated in the district schools of his native township and in early life assisted his father upon the home farm. In fact he continued to devote his labors to the further improvement of the old homestead till his father's death. He was married March 6, 1892, to Miss Mabel Hoover, a daughter of George and Teresa (Whitehall) Hoover, both of whom passed away in Chickasaw township a number of years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have four living children, two sons and two daughters: Maude, the wife of Ellsworth Idler, who is engaged in the cement block and tile business at Bassett, Iowa; Ada, who is a teacher in the graded schools of Spencer, Iowa; Harland, who enlisted during the World war, but was never sent overseas and now assists in the operation of the home farm; and Earl, also at home.

For a year after his marriage Mr. Miller rented a farm of eighty acres in Chickasaw township and then purchased forty acres in the same township, remaining upon that farm for ten years. On the expiration of that period he purchased one hundred acres of his present home property, but has since extended the boundaries of the place until it now includes two hundred and sixty acres of very excellent land, his second purchase being made in 1904. He is busily engaged in the further development of the place and has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, while to the farm he has added many modern improvements. He has good buildings upon the place and well kept fences, while modern farm ma-