

father had removed with his parents when a boy of about thirteen years. Following his marriage he engaged in farming in Elkhart county until the close of the Civil war and in the fall of 1865 he came west to Iowa, settling in Chickasaw county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business life, being classed with the representative farmers of this section of the state and contributing in substantial measure to the development and progress of Chickasaw county along agricultural lines. He died in Nashua in 1904 and for about fourteen years was survived by his widow, who passed away in 1918.

G. E. Scoles pursued a district school education and in vacation periods worked upon his father's farm, while after his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his entire attention upon the further development and improvement of the fields until his marriage. It was in 1888 that he wedded Miss Martha McLarner, a daughter of Johnson McLarner, one of the earliest of the pioneer settlers of Chickasaw county. Following his marriage Mr. Scoles took his bride to Greene, Butler county, Iowa, where he established a barber shop, which he conducted for ten years. He then returned to Chickasaw county and opened a shop in Nashua, where he soon gained a very liberal patronage, conducting a large and gratifying business for twelve years. In 1914 he was appointed postmaster of Nashua and has since filled this office, making a most creditable record, so that at the end of his first term he received reappointment for a second term. He has always been a democrat in politics and has served as a member of the town council at Nashua.

To Mr. and Mrs. Scoles have been born two daughters: G. Merle, now the wife of Charles L. Pierce, of Waverly, Iowa; and Lulu M., the wife of C. L. Castor, a resident farmer of Chickasaw county.

Fraternally Mr. Scoles is connected with Bradford Lodge, No. 129, A. F. & A. M., and his wife is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of Nashua Lodge, No. 391, I. O. F., and he is well known in this section of the state, not only among his brethren of these fraternities but to the community at large. Much of his life has here been passed and he has been an interested witness of the growth and development of his adopted county.

#### HENRY KONST.

Henry Konst is one of the earliest of the pioneers of Chickasaw county and is now living retired in Alta Vista. He was born in Germany, August 4, 1842, and has therefore passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. He is a son of Anthony W. and Theresa (Hannamann) Konst, who came to the United States in 1852 and took up their abode in Walworth county, Wisconsin, upon a rented farm. Later they purchased a farm in the same county, where the mother's death occurred in April, 1869, while seven years later the father passed away in the same county.

Henry Konst was educated in the district schools of Germany and of Wisconsin after coming to the new world. In 1869 he removed to Chickasaw county and purchased a small farm, comprising forty acres of wild prairie land on the southeast quarter of section 25, Washington township. Later he added to this place, extending the boundaries of his farm until it comprised one hundred and twenty acres. He continued to make his home upon the farm for twenty years and during that period successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits. About 1889 he removed to Alta Vista and for some years conducted a saloon but it was said of him that he was too much of a man to succeed in the saloon business. If he felt that a customer had had enough to drink he refused to sell him more and if the family needed the man's wages he refused to take his money. In later years Mr. Konst has lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

On the 22d of February, 1868, Mr. Konst was married to Miss Anna Kramer, of Racine, Wisconsin, and to them were born three children: Anthony W., living in Capa, South Dakota; Margaret, the wife of A. Holden, a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Ella, who is the wife of C. M. Erion, of Tacoma, Washington. The wife and mother