

emigrated to the United States in 1868 and made their way to Bremer county, Iowa. There the father purchased a farm of one hundred and ten acres and carried on general agricultural pursuits until about 1895, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Tripoli, where he spent the remainder of his life in well earned retirement. His demise occurred in 1915, when he had reached the age of eighty-four years.

William Drape, who was but three years of age when brought by his parents to the new world, obtained his education in the district schools of Bremer county and when a youth of nineteen turned his attention to carpentering. In the spring of 1888 he purchased a small farm in Chickasaw county and began its cultivation but at the same time continued his operations as a contractor and builder, supervising the labors of a crew of workmen in this connection. He has resided in Fredericksburg since 1915 but still owns two hundred and ninety-two acres of rich and productive land in Chickasaw county and has long been numbered among its most progressive, substantial and enterprising citizens. In November, 1914, he was elected a member of the board of county supervisors, making so creditable a record that he was reelected in 1918 and is now serving for the second term in that capacity.

On the 3d of May, 1888, Mr. Drape was united in marriage to Miss Alvina Karnatz, of Dresden township, Chickasaw county, a daughter of John and Wilhelmina (Wahlfield) Karnatz, who came to the United States from Germany in 1874 and established their home in Chickasaw county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Drape have become parents of four children, namely: Alma A. and Marie L., both at home; Minnie D., the wife of William Harms, who cultivates one of her father's farms; and Herbert, who is yet under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Drape is a staunch democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to public office. He served as township clerk for six years and was a member of the election board when first a candidate for the board of county supervisors, to which position he was chosen in spite of the fact that he made no canvass. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Evangelical church and have an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the community in which they make their home.

FRANCIS A. GLASS.

Francis A. Glass, engaged in the flour and feed business at Cresco, was born in Carrolltown, in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of August, 1849, and is a son of William A. and Mary A. (Miller) Glass. The father was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, while the mother's birth occurred in Munster, Cambria county. Her mother was also a native of Pennsylvania but her father was born in the province of Alsace, France, and was a soldier in Bonaparte's army. Solomon Glass, the greatgrandfather of Francis A. Glass, was also a native of France, and on emigrating to the United States settled in Center county, Pennsylvania. William A. Glass pursued his education in the public schools of Pennsylvania and followed the occupation of farming as a life work, in connection with which he also operated a sawmill on the banks of the Susquehanna river. His attention was directed to those two lines of activity until 1864, when he removed westward with Iowa as his destination and took up his abode in New Oregon township, Howard county. He then purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and with characteristic energy began its further cultivation and improvement. He continued to operate that tract of land until about 1890. His wife passed away at the age of eighty-two years and Mr. Glass then retired from active life and took up his abode in Cresco, where his death occurred in 1892, when he was eighty-two years of age.

Francis A. Glass spent his early boyhood upon the home farm in Pennsylvania and was a youth of fifteen at the time of the removal of the family to Howard county, Iowa. From that time to the present he has been identified with the interests of the middle west. He continued his education in the country schools of Howard county and in the