

whom were natives of the state of New York. In childhood, however, they removed with their respective parents to Wisconsin and in that state were reared and married, after which the father engaged in farming near Appleton. In 1874 he came with his family to Chickasaw county, Iowa, locating in Richland township, where he remained for three or four years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Nashua and there continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life, passing away about 1914, while the death of his wife occurred about a year later. They had resided in the county for a period covering four decades and had become most widely and favorably known, so that their passing was the occasion of deep regret.

Charles L. Putney acquired his education in the public schools of Nashua, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1885. Later he attended a business college at Fayette, Iowa, and following the completion of his studies accepted a position with the Appleton Manufacturing Company of Appleton, Wisconsin, manufacturers of agricultural implements, being in charge of the office for about eight years. In the spring of 1898 he returned to Nashua and was made manager of a creamery conducted by the Sharpless Separator Company, acting in that capacity for four years, while for seven years he served as manager with the Gurler Creamery Company. Subsequently he spent three years in the offices of the Bellamy-Gates-Dawson Lumber Company and in 1912 purchased the interests of A. H. Nafus in the lumber business of Granger & Nafus, forming the present firm of Granger & Putney. They conduct an extensive and profitable business as grain buyers and dealers in lumber, coal and agricultural implements, and the enterprise and excellent executive ability of Mr. Putney have contributed largely to the continued growth and success of the concern.

On the 25th of July, 1891, Mr. Putney was united in marriage to Miss Helen R. Enos, of Appleton, Wisconsin, by whom he had five children, four of whom still survive, namely: Leona, who is principal of the Junior high school at Rolfe, Iowa; Truman, a stockholder in the firm of Granger & Putney of Nashua; Edith, who is a teacher in the schools of Newell, Iowa; and Catherine, at home.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Putney has exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, being a firm believer in its principles. He has been an important factor in business circles and his prosperity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags. He is progressive and public-spirited, giving his cooperation to every movement which tends to promote the general welfare of community and state.

JOSEPH J. PROCHASKA.

Joseph J. Prochaska, proprietor of the Plain View Stock Farm of one hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 22, Utica township, Chickasaw county, is well known as a successful dealer in registered Poland China hogs, registered black polled Angus cattle and pure bred Percheron horses, together with pure blooded Plymouth Rock chickens. His live stock interests constitute a most important feature in his business and he is known as one of the prominent and progressive stock raisers of his section of the state.

He was born in Utica township, July 8, 1874, and is a son of Frank and Mary (Ptacnik) Prochaska, both of whom were natives of Bohemia. They came to the United States after reaching adult age and took up their abode in Chickasaw county, where they were married. They settled upon a farm in Utica township and as the years passed Mr. Prochaska prospered in the conduct of his business affairs and became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, of which he still owns one hundred and sixty acres. For many years he carefully, systematically and profitably conducted his farm, and when he had acquired a