

firm of J. C. Hewitt & Son, live stock buyers. Lowell C. is a graduate of the Ames Agricultural College, in which he took the ceramic course, and is now superintendent of that branch of work in the largest clay working factory in the United States, at St. Louis, Missouri. Myrtle B. is attending the Ames Agricultural College, and Marshall D. is a pupil in high school.

In politics Mr. Hewitt is a democrat and was the only representative of his party elected at the county's last election, on which occasion he was chosen for a second term as one of the county's supervisors, winning with a vote of three to one over his opponent. This fact certainly indicates his personal popularity, the confidence reposed in him and the capability which he displayed during his first term's service in that position. He also filled the office of city councilman for a period of four years and while living upon the farm served for several years as president of the school board and for four years was a member of the board of township trustees. He belongs to Arcana Lodge, No. 274, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Order of Eastern Star. They likewise hold membership in the Baptist church and its teachings guide them in all the relations of life. In the work of the church they are deeply interested and contribute generously to its support. Mr. Hewitt is ever found as the champion of plans and measures for the public good, and his labors have been an effective force for the material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress of the community.

SAM BARKER.

Sam Barker is now living retired in Fredericksburg but for many years was actively identified with farming in Chickasaw county. He was born in Yorkshire, England, October 13, 1849, and has therefore reached the seventieth milestone on life's journey. His parents were George and Isabella (Swale) Barker, who came to the United States in the spring of 1854 and for a few years were residents of Cook county, Illinois. In 1857 they removed to Chickasaw county, Iowa, reaching this place in June. The father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government on the Bremer county line in Chickasaw county, paying a dollar and a quarter per acre, and built thereon a frame dwelling. He continued to develop and further improve his farm until the time of his death, which occurred July 26, 1891. At one time he owned eight hundred acres of land, for as his financial resources increased he kept adding to his holdings, realizing that real estate is the safest of all investments. His wife passed away about ten years prior to the death of her husband and thus were called from the scene of earthly activities two of the most worthy pioneer people of this section of the state.

Sam Barker was educated in the district schools and in 1872, when twenty-two years of age, began farming on his own account on a tract of eighty acres which had been deeded to him by his father. Ambitious to win success, he subsequently purchased another eighty acres from his father and from time to time invested in still other land until he became the owner of about seven hundred acres. He has disposed of a portion of this property but still owns three hundred and fifteen acres of valuable farm land, from which he derives a substantial annual income. Year after year he carried on the work of the fields and annually gathered good crops as a result of his care and labor. He worked diligently, employing the most progressive methods in farming, and his labors brought substantial returns. In 1915 he removed to Fredericksburg and the following year built one of the beautiful homes of the city, which he now occupies.

In 1872 Mr. Barker was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Knight, of Dresden township, and they became the parents of seven children, six of whom are yet living, namely: Lena, the wife of Leland Hubbard, a farmer of Fredericksburg township; Harry G. and Henry, twins, the former of whom is engaged in the operation of a farm in Dresden township, while the latter is manager of a store in Sumner, Iowa; Roy, a farmer of Dresden township; Maud, the wife of Roy Schoonover, a farmer of Fredericksburg township; and Neil R., who is operating the home farm. The wife and mother passed away on the 22d of June, 1914, and on the 14th of October, 1915, Mr. Barker was mar-