

sincere and is manifest in many tangible ways. Their friends speak of them in terms of high regard and attest their sterling worth as shown in every relation of life.

#### WARD B. SMITH.

While Ward B. Smith has retired from farming he is still actively engaged in business as a dealer in live stock and is devoting considerable time and effort to the discharge of the duties of his office as a member of the board of county supervisors of Chickasaw county. He was born in Bradford, March 20, 1858, and is a son of Leander and Eliza A. (Hickok) Smith, natives of Connecticut, where they were reared and married. The year 1856 witnessed their arrival in Iowa, at which time they took up their abode in Bradford, where Mr. Smith purchased one hundred acres adjoining the city. Thereon he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1906, when he was eighty years of age. His wife passed away in 1910 at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

Ward B. Smith was educated in the Bradford Academy and afterward devoted his time to the profession of teaching through two terms. He then took up the occupation of farming, purchasing three hundred acres of land in the southeastern section of Bradford township, on which he resided for twenty years, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation and adding many modern improvements to the property. He still owns that farm and from it derives a very gratifying annual income. About 1904, however, he removed to Nashua and has since been engaged in buying live stock in the city. He has long been accounted one of the foremost business men of his section of the county, alert and enterprising, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. In addition to his other interests Mr. Smith is a stockholder in the Commercial State Savings Bank and is justly accounted one of Nashua's successful business men.

In 1882 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Rose McCreary, a daughter of Leonard J. McCreary, whose residence in Chickasaw county dated from early pioneer times. He came here from Pennsylvania in 1855 and took up his abode in Bradford township. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have become the parents of a daughter, Hazel M., now the wife of Ernest G. Meier, who is engaged in the grocery business in Nashua.

In his political views Mr. Smith is a republican and in 1915 was elected a member of the board of county supervisors, to which position he was reelected in 1918, so that he is now serving for the second term. In this connection he labors untiringly and effectively for the welfare and benefit of the county. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church and there is no plan or project for the benefit and upbuilding of the county along material, intellectual, social and moral lines which does not receive their endorsement and if possible their active support.

#### S. B. WESP.

S. B. Wesp, filling the position of postmaster at Fredericksburg and making a most creditable record by efficient and faithful service, was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, February 10, 1852, a son of Frederick and Mary (Davis) Wesp, of whom extended mention will be found on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of their son, W. N. Wesp.

S. B. Wesp, after attending the district schools of Ontario, Canada, and of Wisconsin, to which state his parents had removed in his early youth, came to Chickasaw county when sixteen years of age. During that summer he helped to build the first fence around the fair grounds at New Hampton. On reaching young manhood he determined to see something of the country before settling down and traveled throughout the middle and Pacific coast states. He spent two years in California, where he was