

attention to the further cultivation and development of two hundred and forty acres of his father's holdings. He keeps a family employed, the man acting as assistant in the work of the fields and the woman as housekeeper. Mr. Bandle is not only winning substantial prosperity as an agriculturist but is also a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber & Coal Company of Alta Vista and in the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Company of Alta Vista.

In his political views Mr. Bandle is a democrat where national questions and issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He is a member of the present board of township trustees, and his cooperation is always to be counted upon in matters relative to the public welfare. He is a member of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 528, A. F. & A. M.; also of Adelpia Chapter, R. A. M.; and Alta Vista Lodge, No. 658, I. O. O. F., while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He is ever loyal to any cause which he espouses and exemplifies in his life the teachings of the fraternities with which he is connected and with the church in which he holds membership. Having always lived in this section of the state, he has a wide acquaintance and all who know him speak of him in terms of warm regard, for his life record has ever been as an open book and his business integrity is above question.

W. B. SIMPSON.

W. B. Simpson, a retired farmer living in Nashua, was born in Huntington, Canada, April 24, 1854, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Laird) Simpson, who were natives of New York city and of Canada respectively. They were married in the latter country, the father having gone to Canada in young manhood. There he engaged in farming until 1856, when he brought his family across the border into the United States and established his home in Chickasaw county, Iowa, living in the old town of Bradford. He is a carpenter by trade and while he owned and cultivated a farm he also devoted much of his time to carpentering. Some years after his arrival he made investment in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bradford township, on which he resided for a number of years. He then retired from active business and removed to Nashua, where his death occurred when he was sixty-three years of age, having survived his wife for only one week, and she was fifty-seven years of age at the time of her demise.

W. B. Simpson was educated in the public schools of Bradford and at intervals for two or three years attended the Bradford Academy. When about twenty-two years of age he began farming on his own account and for some time cultivated rented land but during that period carefully saved his earnings and at length was able to purchase a farm in Bradford township. Afterward he sold his original property and bought one hundred and forty acres three miles northeast of Nashua, on which he resided for twenty years. He later spent eight years in Greenwood, where he owned a small farm, and he there conducted a dairy business. In 1918 he removed to Nashua, where he is now enjoying a well earned rest. For a long period he was active in business circles and worked diligently and untiringly to gain a comfortable competence, which he at length obtained.

In 1875 Mr. Simpson was married to Miss Urania Parks, of Richland township, Chickasaw county, whose parents were among the pioneer settlers of this section of the state. Two children were born of this marriage: Edward E., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; and Gertrude, who is the wife of R. E. Neal, of Powersville, Floyd county. The wife and mother passed away on the 5th of June, 1898, and on the 10th of October, 1900, Mr. Simpson was married to Miss Susan Blimm, a native of Chickasaw county and a daughter of William and Nancy (Pettit) Blimm, who in 1854 established their home in this county when the work of development and improvement had scarcely been begun. The father was a wagon maker by trade and conducted a shop in the old town of Bradford for many years. He came to Chickasaw county from Rockton, Illinois, traveling across the country with one of the old-time prairie schoon-