

per acre. This tract is situated in Deerfield township and when he died he still had one hundred acres of the original farm, having sold but twenty acres.

Under the parental roof John Trask was reared and his boyhood experiences were those of the farm lad reared upon the frontier. Having arrived at adult age, he married Lucy A. Jenkins, a daughter of John and Lydia Jenkins, both of whom have departed this life. Her father died in New York city, while her mother's death occurred in Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, to which she had removed at an early day. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Trask was celebrated on the 23d of October, 1868, and they became the parents of six children: William Henry, who is now married; Mrs. Ethel Fredreci; Mrs. Hattie Nyham; Mrs. Eva Michaels; and Emily and Charles E., both deceased.

At the time of his mother's death John Trask came into possession of the one hundred acre farm which his father had entered as a claim from the government. He still owns and occupies this place, which is situated on section 30, Deerfield township, and its productiveness is the result of his careful cultivation and supervision. He has worked diligently to enhance the value of his land and has added to his farm many modern improvements. In politics he is a democrat and has held practically all of the offices in Deerfield township, while for three years he served as a member of the board of supervisors of Chickasaw county, proving a most capable and efficient officer in that connection. He has ever been loyal to public interests and the trust reposed in him and has earnestly promoted every project which he has regarded as of public worth. He has now passed the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey but is still an active factor in farming circles and is a well known citizen in this district, with which he has so long been associated.

#### E. W. LOOMIS.

E. W. Loomis is successfully engaged in business at New Hampton as a member of the firm of Loomis Brothers, cream buyers and dealers in poultry, eggs, hides, fur and wool, which has had a prosperous existence of sixteen years. His birth occurred in Charles City, Floyd county, Iowa, on the 23d of February, 1879, his parents being J. M. and Laura (Brown) Loomis, who were born, reared and married in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In 1857 the father came west to Iowa, locating at Spirit Lake in Dickinson county, where he followed general agricultural pursuits for about six years. At the end of that time he removed to Charles City and after a short period devoted to farming he took up carpentering and building, which pursuits claimed his attention for many years and in which he won substantial success. In 1915 he removed to Wells, Minnesota, where his demise occurred two years later. His widow is still living and makes her home in Charles City.

E. W. Loomis acquired his education in the schools of his native city and in early manhood was variously employed for about four years. On the 5th of April, 1898, he enlisted for service in the Spanish American war as a member of Company D, Forty-ninth Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he was on active duty in the Cuba campaign. After being honorably discharged on the 5th of May, 1899, he returned home and was in the employ of the firm of Waller & Waller, produce dealers of Charles City, until 1902. He then embarked in the produce business on his own account at Charles City but the following year came to New Hampton and founded the firm of Loomis Brothers in association with his brother William. Later they established branch houses at Lyle and Kenyon, Minnesota, and at Bridgewater, North Dakota. They are cream buyers and dealers in poultry, eggs, hides, fur and wool and during the past sixteen years have built up an enterprise of extensive and profitable proportions. In 1918 their business amounted to more than a half million dollars. The continued growth and success of the concern is attributable in no small measure to the sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise of E. W. Loomis, who has won a well merited reputation as one of New Hampton's foremost business men and substantial citizens. On the 6th of April, 1906, Mr. Loomis was united in marriage to Mrs. Harriett Spen-