

tention to his land business. He has now a large clientage as a dealer in farm lands and his business has reached very gratifying proportions.

In his political views Mr. Brown has been a lifelong democrat and became the candidate of his party for mayor of New Hampton in the spring of 1919. He belongs to Arcana Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is a loyal follower of the teachings of the craft Public opinion classes him with New Hampton's foremost residents and representative business men, who by the wise utilization of time and opportunity has advanced steadily step by step until he now occupies an enviable position on the plane of affluence.

E. D. MCWILLIAMS.

E. D. McWilliams, cashier of the Chester Savings Bank of Chester, Howard county, was born in Postville, Allamakee county, Iowa, on the 15th of January, 1879, a son of Brown and Sarah E. (Neeling) McWilliams, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. However, in early life they removed westward and were married in National, Clayton county, Iowa, to which state the mother had come with her parents. Soon after their marriage they established their home in Allamakee county and the father here engaged in farming, bringing his land under a high state of cultivation. He passed away March 11, 1896, and was long survived by his wife, whose death occurred on the 11th of September, 1918.

E. D. McWilliams was reared upon the homestead farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farm-bred boy. He acquired his education in the schools of Postville, passing through consecutive grades to the graduation from the high school as a member of the class of 1896. Following the completion of his studies he remained at home, his parents having in the meantime moved into Postville, until 1904, when he became a resident of Chester and entered the German Savings Bank as assistant cashier. His capability and fidelity led to his promotion to the office of cashier and in 1907 and in 1918 the name of the institution was changed to the Chester Savings Bank. For the past twelve years Mr. McWilliams has had charge of the financial policy of the bank and under his direction the business of the bank has largely grown, the deposits having increased from twenty-five thousand dollars in 1907 to almost one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars in 1919.

On the 5th of June, 1918, Mr. McWilliams was married to Miss Mary A. Young, of Cresco, Iowa, and they are numbered among the highly esteemed residents of Chester. In politics he is a democrat. In Masonic circles he is prominent, belonging to Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 204, A. F. & A. M., of Postville; Bruce Chapter, R. A. M., of Cresco; Iowa Consistory, No. 2, A. & A. S. R.; and Kilwinning Lodge of Perfection, No. 2, of Cedar Rapids. He is also identified with Utopia Chapter, No. 379, O. E. S. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The steps in the orderly progression of Mr. McWilliams are easily discernible. Persistent purpose has brought him to the front in a business way and at all times he is willing to lend his aid and cooperation to any plan or measure for the general good. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, esteem him highly, his genuine worth being recognized by all.

HOMER DE FOREST JEWETT.

Homer De Forest Jewett, a photographer of Bradford and Nashua, was born in Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, New York, June 12, 1858. The family comes of Holland Dutch ancestry, the paternal grandparents of H. D. Jewett being representatives of that stock. In the maternal line, however, he is of English lineage, for the Stickney family, of which he is a representative, trace their ancestry back through several generations to the town or parish of Stickney, near London, England. His parents, John and Lucy (Stickney) Jewett, were natives of Franklin county, Vermont, and on leaving