

its operation for a number of years. The property is now in his possession and comprises one hundred and sixty-three acres of rich and productive land on section 27, Fremont township. He has made many improvements thereon and in the conduct of his farming interests has won a gratifying measure of success, annually gathering bounteous harvests which find a ready sale on the market. His holdings include an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

On the 22d of September, 1880, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Todd, her parents being James and Eliza (Boyce) Todd, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Ohio. James Todd emigrated to the United States in the '50s, locating at Elgin, Illinois, where he was employed in a foundry for some time. When Winneshiek county land was opened up he came here and acquired a tract, improving and operating the same during the remainder of his life. His demise occurred April 20, 1887, while his wife was called to her final rest on October 15, 1899. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have been born six children, as follows: Earl, who passed away on January 10, 1897; Grace, the wife of Fred Smith, of Salem, South Dakota; Robert, who is a resident of Minnesota; Amy, a trained nurse by profession; and Ervin and Cornelia, both at home.

Mr. Barnes exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and in religious faith is a Methodist, while fraternally he is identified with the Yeomen. His entire life has been spent on the farm where he now resides and he is therefore well known throughout the community, having an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances. He is ranked among the enterprising and substantial citizens of his district and his activities in the cultivation of his fine farm are regarded as a valuable influence in agricultural development.

PERRY H. WHITNEY.

Perry H. Whitney, prominently identified with commercial interests of Burr Oak as a partner in the conduct of the business operated by the Burr Oak Mercantile Company, was born near Watertown, in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, May 29, 1858. He is a son of Brayton and Martha (Rockwood) Whitney and is the second in a family of seven children.

Perry H. Whitney came to Winneshiek county with his parents in 1867 and was reared upon his father's farm in Hesper township, acquiring his education in the district school. He remained at home until 1881 and then removed to Ransom county, North Dakota, making the journey with his father and his brother, D. B. Whitney. For a number of years he went back and forth between Winneshiek county and North Dakota, spending his winters in the latter place until 1884, when he married and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits upon the old homestead. After the death of his father, which occurred in August, 1894, he sold his North Dakota interests and in connection with his brothers, Milton D. and Claude R., operated the farm until 1898, when Claude Whitney died. The subject of this review and his brother Milton remained upon the homestead for one year thereafter and at the end of that time Perry H. sold his