

died in infancy; Gertrude, deceased; and Charles A., who is operating the old homestead in Fremont township.

Arthur P. Curtis was four years of age when he came with his parents to Iowa. He grew up on his father's farm in Fremont township and acquired his education in the district schools. At the age of twenty he left home and after working as a farm hand for eight months went to New York city, where he spent six years in the trucking business, later turning his attention to dealing in ice and continuing in this occupation for eleven years thereafter. At the end of that time he returned to Iowa and purchased a farm of one hundred and thirteen acres on section 5, Orleans township, this county. Upon this property he has since resided and he has carried forward its development along modern and practical lines, improving it with a fine two-story residence, a silo with a capacity of one hundred and sixty tons and substantial barns and outbuildings. Success has steadily rewarded his well directed efforts and his general farming and stock-raising interests are today extensive. In addition to his homestead Mr. Curtis owns also an eighty acre tract in Fremont township.

On the 1st of September, 1885, Mr. Curtis was united in marriage to Miss Florence Faucher, a native of New York, and to their union were born five children: L. A., who lives at home; Gertrude L., also with her parents; Warren, who died in childhood; Frank, who is attending agricultural college in Cresco; and Clarence, who was born December 14, 1902.

Mr. Curtis is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs and the Royal Arcanum. He is a republican in his political beliefs and has served on the school board, where his work proved intelligent, able and public-spirited. He is classed with the progressive farmers and successful business men of his locality and is well known here, where his genuine personal worth has gained him many friends.