

Laporte, Indiana, at which place Mrs. Gillette was born. To Mr. and Mrs. Gillette have come six children: Nettie M., who died in 1891; Fred E.; Arthur B.; Edmund C.; Nellie M.; and Gertrude E.

Mr. Gillette has taken an active part in public affairs as the years have gone on. In 1855 he was elected clerk of the district court, which position he acceptably filled for ten years, and he was also elected to the office of sheriff of Howard county. For sixteen years he filled the position of justice of the peace and he has also served in other offices of public honor and trust. His political support is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. His life has ever been actuated by high and honorable principles and his entire record is that of an upright man and public-spirited citizen. He still occupies the old homestead farm on which he has lived for so many years, but now having almost reached the ninetieth milestone on life's journey, he is living retired and in fact for a number of years has enjoyed a well-earned rest.

TIMOTHY T. DONOVAN.

Timothy T. Donovan, banker, has spent practically his entire life in Iowa, having been but two years of age when brought to Chickasaw county. The record of his career therefore is as an open book to his fellow townsmen, who have watched his continuous progress as the years have passed—a progress that has resulted from close application, keen study of existing business conditions and a recognition of opportunity. He is the vice president of the First National Bank of New Hampton, the president of the First National Bank of Fredericksburg, president of the Alta Vista Savings Bank of Alta Vista, Iowa, vice president of the Security National Bank of Mason City, vice president of the Farmers' & Traders' Savings Bank of Bancroft, Iowa, and a member of the board of directors not only of all these institutions but also of the Mason City Loan & Trust Company of Mason City, Iowa.

Mr. Donovan was born in New Market, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, on the 8th of June, 1856, and is a son of Timothy and Abbie (Harrington) Donovan, extended mention of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He was but two years of age when brought by his parents to Chickasaw county, which was then largely an undeveloped wilderness. His boyhood days were spent in one of the old pioneer log cabins and his educational opportunities were limited to those offered by the public schools and the Decorah Institute. During his boyhood and young manhood he resided upon his father's farm and his early life was passed in a manner usual to that of most farm-bred boys of the middle west. Early in life, however, his ambition to make for himself a place in the business world was developed. He likewise became keenly interested in politics in early manhood and on the 1st of March, 1884, became deputy auditor and deputy clerk of the courts. On the 2d of November, 1886, he was elected clerk of the district court and was re-elected to that office November 6, 1888. He served for four years as clerk of the district courts, performing the duties of the office without the aid of a deputy.

On the 1st of August, 1890, Mr. Donovan was elected cashier of the First National Bank of New Hampton but did not take charge of the work in the bank until January 1, 1891, when he assumed the duties of cashier, in which responsible position he continued to serve until the 11th of June, 1906, when he was elected vice president of the bank and has since acted in that capacity. During this period he has assisted materially in advancing and maintaining the high standards of the institution and making it one of the strong financial concerns of northern Iowa. In becoming connected with banking Mr. Donovan found the line of life for which he evidently was best fitted, as his success from that time has been continuous. Extending the scope of his activities, he has been instrumental in founding other banks and has become identified with other financial institutions until his name is today a well-known one in financial circles of northern Iowa. He has also become the possessor of heavy land holdings in Chickasaw county and his investments have