

quently added to the property until the farm, which he still owns, comprised three hundred and twenty-seven acres. He resided thereon until about 1890, when he retired from active business life and removed to New Hampton, where he still makes his home. For several years, however, he has spent the winter seasons in California. His wife died in July, 1907. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and possessed many excellent traits of heart and mind.

George E. Wilkins was educated in the district schools and in the New Hampton high school and also pursued a commercial course in the Lincoln Business College at Lincoln, Nebraska. There he became ill and afterward resumed his studies in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. He then went to Britt, Iowa, in April, 1889, and entered the Citizens Bank in the capacity of bookkeeper, thus serving for two years. Later he was made cashier of the institution and was identified with the bank for a decade. In 1899 he returned to New Hampton and previously had become interested with a brother in the drug business. After his return he spent almost two years in the store and later was employed by the Deering Harvester Company as collector, his field covering Iowa and Nebraska. He was thus engaged for three years, after which he turned his attention to the jewelry trade in New Hampton and conducted a store for seven years, when failing health compelled him to retire from that field of labor. He was advised by his physicians to live an outdoor life and removed to the home farm in order to recuperate, spending his time on the farm until his election in November, 1916, to the office of county treasurer. His first term's service received endorsement in reelection in 1918, so that he is the present incumbent in the position.

On the 23d of November, 1892, Mr. Wilkins was united in marriage to Miss Clara A. Morrison, of Britt, Iowa, a daughter of Horatio L. and Mary A. (Sawyer) Morrison, both of whom were natives of New Hampshire but were of Scotch descent. On her mother's side Mrs. Wilkins is a relative of the man who discovered Pike's Peak, which was named in his honor. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins have been born a daughter, who is deceased, and a son, George M., who is a sophomore in the high school at New Hampton.

In politics Mr. Wilkins has always been a republican and gives loyal and stalwart support to the party and its principles. He belongs to Arcana Lodge No. 274, A. F. & A. M., also to Adelpia Chapter, No. 115, R. A. M. Both he and his wife are members of New Hampton Chapter, No. 75, O. E. S., of which Mrs. Wilkins is a past matron and is acting conductress. She is also grand representative for Vermont to the Grand Chapter, of Iowa. She belongs to the Christian Science church and is keenly interested in all that has to do with the welfare and progress of the community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins are held in high esteem and he has long occupied an enviable position in business and political circles.

#### **BARSNETTE DELL EVERINGHAM.**

In a history of Howard county mention should be made of Barsnette Dell Everingham, who for more than a half century was a resident of Cresco, where he long carried on business as a contractor and builder. He was born in Niagara, Ontario county, Canada, on the 18th of January, 1832, and passed away at Cresco on the 15th of November, 1916, so that he had reached the notable old age of eighty-four years at the time of his demise. He was a son of Jacob and Margaret (Dell) Everingham. His father was of English descent and birth and after coming to the new world established his home at Niagara, Ontario county, where he followed the occupation of farming. He afterward crossed the border into the United States and took up his abode at Freeport, Illinois, where he also carried on farming for some time. Still attracted by the opportunities of the west, he later made his way to Dubuque, Iowa, and subsequently became a resident of Wagner, Polk county, Iowa. During the period of his residence there he lived retired, making his home with his son, Barsnette D. Everingham. His wife died near Lawler, Iowa, at the home of her son William. Mr. Everingham was a democrat in his political views and in his fraternal relations was a Mason.