

During his boyhood and youth T. F. Long secured a good practical education in the local schools and acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits under the direction of his father. About forty years ago he purchased his present farm on section 28, Paris township, and has since engaged in its operation. He was married in 1899 to Miss Katherine Daley, a daughter of Martin and Bridget (Butler) Daley, who were also early settlers of Howard county, having come to this country from Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Long are faithful and consistent members of the Catholic church of Lourdes and he is also affiliated with the Farmers Equity of Elma. He gives his political support to the men and measures of the democratic party and aids in all enterprises which he believes calculated to promote the general welfare.

#### JOHN LUSSON.

John Lusson is a successful farmer residing on section 10, Vernon Springs township, where he has carried on general agricultural pursuits through the past sixteen years. His birth occurred in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 28th of November, 1868, his parents being Joseph and Catherine (Perry) Lusson, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of their son, Theodore Lusson.

John Lusson, who was but six years of age when the family home was established in Fayette county, Iowa, was there reared to manhood under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. He was married when a young man of twenty-four years and then began farming for himself as a renter. Five years later, owing to his careful economy and untiring industry, he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to purchase property of his own and came into possession of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Fayette county, which he continued to cultivate successfully through the succeeding five years. On the expiration of that period, in 1903, he disposed of the place and came to Howard county, purchasing his present home farm in Vernon Springs township, which was then an unimproved and undeveloped property. As the years have passed his labors have wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the tract, for he has erected modern and substantial buildings thereon, has also fenced the fields and has brought the land under a high state of cultivation, so that his is today one of the excellently improved farms of the township. He annually gathers good crops which find a ready sale on the market and is widely recognized as one of the representative and prosperous farmers of Howard county.

In January, 1893, Mr. Lusson was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Robinet, of Sioux county, Iowa, by whom he has seven children, as follows: Joseph, who follows farming in Vernon Springs township; Susan, the wife of Edward Bouska, a farmer of Vernon Springs township; and Matilda, Anna, Mary, Victor and Eleanora, all yet at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Lusson has supported the men and measures of the democratic party, believing firmly in its principles. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus and he and his family are communicants of the Catholic church. His life has been upright and honorable in every relation, commanding the respect and esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

#### RICHARD E. McCARVILLE.

The name of McCarville has long figured on the pages of Howard county's history and Richard E. McCarville is now numbered among the representative farmers of Paris township. He was born in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, November 3, 1865, a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Woods) McCarville, who were natives of Ireland. In early life they came to the United States and for a time the father worked around the harbor of the city of New York. After a brief period, however, he left the eastern metropolis and