

Robert. The family is well known socially, their friends in this section of the county being many. In politics Mr. Grover is a republican and staunchly supports the principles of the party, with which he has voted since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

CHARLES S. MULKS.

Charles S. Mulks, living on section 27, Jamestown township, Howard county, was born. November 14, 1872, in Whitewater, Wisconsin, a son of Daniel S. and Hanna J. Mulks, who for many years made their home at Whitewater. The grandfather in the paternal line went to Wisconsin in pioneer times and secured a homestead in that state, obtaining a tract of government land upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. He devoted his energies to the cultivation of the land for a number of years and after the grandfather retired the farm was taken over by his son, Daniel S. Mulks,

It was upon this place that Charles S. Mulks was reared and he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He attended the public schools of his native county and when twenty-two years of age left home and made his way to Howard county, Iowa, since which time he has been identified with the interests and with the development of this section of the state. As he was in limited financial circumstances at the time of his arrival he first rented a farm, which he cultivated on shares for about twenty years. He then purchased his present farm property, which is situated on section 27, Jamestown township, and he now has a good place, to the further development and improvement of which he is bending his efforts and energies.

On the 14th of November, 1894, Mr. Mulks was married to Miss Julia E. Taft, a daughter of Clarence R. and Frances M. Taft, of Whitewater, Wisconsin. They have become the parents of two children, William Glendon and Dorothy, who are at home, the son assisting his father in the further development of the farm. He saw service with the United States army for four and a half months, being a member of Battery E of the Coast Artillery, stationed in Florida and Virginia.

Mr. Mulks gives his political support to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He is a worthy representative of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Riceville Lodge, No. 119, A. P. & A. M. The teachings of this fraternity he exemplifies in his life and he is regarded as a straightforward, honorable and reliable man who enjoys and well merits the high esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

DAVID J. FERRIE.

David J. Ferrie, the efficient sheriff of Howard county and a well known resident of Cresco, was born in Howard county, on the 18th of December, 1873, his parents being John and Esther (Ackerson) Ferrie. The father is a native of the state of New York, while the mother was born near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. John Ferrie left the Empire state when a small boy in company with his parents, who removed to Wisconsin, from which point some years later they made the trip to Paris township, Howard county, Iowa, with ox teams. This was in the early '60s and there were many evidences of frontier life in all this section of the state. The father took up government land, securing a claim of one hundred and sixty acres which was wild and unimproved. He built a log house upon it and at once began the arduous task of developing a new farm. As the years passed he added many improvements to the property and extended the boundaries of his farm until it comprised three hundred and twenty acres. Both of the paternal grandparents of David J. Ferrie passed away on the old homestead in Howard county. Their son, John Ferrie, spent his boyhood days here amid pioneer sur-