

fifty acres of land, ninety acres of which came to him through his father, while the other one hundred and sixty acre tract was rented. After five years he sold his property and went to Texas, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Randall county, and his father bought another quarter section in the same district, Hugh H. Saul living upon and operating his father's land. He continued a resident of the Lone Star state for three years, after which he returned to Iowa, becoming a resident of Howard county. Here he has acquired two hundred and forty acres in Howard township and his place is most fertile and productive. His farm is now under a very high state of cultivation and constitutes one of the attractive features in the landscape by reason of its splendid growing crops, its substantial buildings, its modern machinery and its high grade stock. Mr. Saul's business ability is also manifest along another line, for he has for a number of years been a director of the Maple Leaf Creamery Company and in 1918 was elected president of that corporation, in which capacity he is now serving, the business being carefully and successfully carried on under his direction.

In 1903 Mr. Saul was united in marriage to Miss Anna Anderson, a native of Ireland, by whom he had one child, Neiley B. The wife and mother passed away in 1906 and two years later Mr. Saul was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret Barry, of Canyon, Texas. By his second wife he has six children, namely: Anna Irene, Thomas Allen, Violet V., Mildred E, Hugh H. and James Perry.

Mr. Saul votes with the republican party, to which he has given his support since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For several years he has served as a member of the school board and is a stalwart champion of the cause of public education, but otherwise he has never sought or filled public office: He is a member of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 528, A. F. & A. M., of Elma, and both he and his wife are members of Maple Leaf Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. They likewise hold membership in the Presbyterian church and are faithful followers of its teachings. Their social qualities, their kindly spirit and their reliability have won for them the warm friendship and high regard of all who know them and it is to such substantial people that Howard county owes her upbuilding and progress.

#### ROBERT W. DAVIS.

No student of the history of Howard county can carry his investigations far into its public annals without learning how closely, helpfully and prominently has the Davis family been associated therewith. Robert W. Davis, for many years actively and successfully engaged in farming, is now living retired in Lime Springs, his business interests being only those of a director of the First National Bank of Lime Springs save for the supervision which he gives to his investments. He was born in Beaver township, Fillmore county, Minnesota, October 2, 1862, a son of William P; and Catherine (Davis) Davis, mentioned in connection with the sketch of their son, D. W. Davis, on another page of this work.

The old homestead farm was the place upon which Robert W. Davis was reared and in the district schools he pursued his education. He was but a lad of seven years when his parents removed to Howard county, so that practically his entire life has been spent within its borders. At the age of twenty-six years, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Jones, of Kingston, Wisconsin, and he then took up farming on his own account. He had acquired two hundred and forty acres of the old homestead and upon this place he engaged extensively in the breeding of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and built up one of the best herds in the county. He imported pure Scotch cattle and increased his herd to one hundred head, all registered animals. For twenty-two years he continued in this business and won a place among the foremost stock raisers and shippers of northern Iowa. His business enterprise not only contributed to his personal success but was also a potent feature in the development of the live stock interests of the state, for he did much to improve the breed of stock raised by the farmers of his section. In 1912 he disposed of his live stock interests and removed to Lime Springs, having previously purchased an interest in the First National Bank upon its incorpora-