

whom he deems best qualified for office without regard to party ties. In religious belief he is a Catholic. He has now passed the seventy-first milestone on life's journey and his career has ever been such that he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

HON. H. H. BAILEY.

Hon. H. H. Bailey, deceased, was one of Chickasaw county's most prominent pioneer settlers and honored citizens. He was born in Vermilion, Ohio, September 26, 1837, and passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital in New Hampton, Iowa, June 10, 1918. His early life was one of hard knocks. The difficulties and obstacles in his path were many. When he was a child of but seven years his father died and his mother soon afterward married, again. He was sent to live with his grandparents, who put him out to work for neighboring farmers. He was thus employed at a wage of seven cents per day and when his wages were increased to ten cents per day he felt that he was receiving a munificent salary. His educational opportunities were limited to a few months' attendance in the old log schoolhouse with its slab benches and other primitive furnishings, while the methods of instruction were almost equally crude. As he grew older he realized the need of a better education and for two terms attended Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, working his way through school during that period.

In the spring of 1855 Mr. Bailey came with an uncle to Chickasaw county, Iowa, and later homesteaded on the section of land in Richland township which remained his place of residence up to the time of his death. On the outbreak of the Civil war he was on a visit to his mother at the old home in Ohio and while there he responded to his country's call, enlisting on the 1st of July, 1861, as a member of the Seventh Ohio (Rooster) Regiment. He served with this command for almost four years, being mustered out on the 3d of January, 1865. He participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Antietam, the second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Lookout Mountain, which was fought above the clouds, and many other notable engagements. He was three times wounded, being once shot through the neck, again through the right limb and a third time through the left hand. After receiving his discharge Mr. Bailey returned to his Iowa home and on the 6th of January, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah P. Birdsell, a daughter of S. S. Birdsell, who was also one of the pioneer settlers of the county. Five children were born of this marriage but only two are now living: Louis P., who is engaged in merchandising at Williamstown, Iowa; and Paul J., a farmer who is operating the home farm.

Mr. Bailey possessed the intellect and ability that made him a man among men. He was most progressive and public-spirited and was always the leader in any movement that tended to promote the welfare and upbuilding of the district in which he lived. He possessed many sterling characteristics and it was said of him that he had a heart as big and kind as the master of men could put into a single body. He was unostentatious, was most liberal and charitable to every good cause. All who knew him spoke of him in terms of high regard and his sterling worth was recognized by all with whom he came in contact.

In politics Mr. Bailey was an ardent republican and was recognized as one of the foremost men of his party in Chickasaw county. He served for years in the various township offices and was for years a member of the board of county supervisors. He also represented his district in the twenty-first general assembly of Iowa and gave most thoughtful and earnest consideration to the vital questions which came up for settlement.

In financial affairs, too, Mr. Bailey was equally forceful and his success was notable. At the time of his death he owned two farms, the home place of two hundred acres, situated on sections 12 and 13, Richland township, and another tract of two hundred and ten acres on section 10 of the same township. His property interests were acquired as the result of close application and unabating industry, carefully directed by sound judgment. He was a stockholder and one of the members of the board of directors of the State Bank of New Hampton and in these various connections his judgment was sought