

daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Hine) Dickson. Her father came to Chickasaw county from Illinois in his boyhood days with his parents, arriving in 1855, while the Hine family came to this county from Indiana in 1853. For seven years following his marriage Mr. Frazee engaged in farming three different tracts of land in Chickasaw county and in 1904 he took up his abode upon his present home place, which was then owned by his father and, to which he acquired title after his father's death. He is now devoting his energies, efforts and attention to the further development and improvement of, this property, which is one of the excellent farms of Deerfield township. He carefully tills his fields and annually gathers good harvests. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and is meeting with substantial success.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frazee have been born three children: R. Wayne, Wendell D. and Grace M., who are still under the parental roof. In his political allegiance Mr. Frazee is a democrat, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served for one term as a member of the board of township trustees and for a number of years has been a member of the school board, being keenly interested in educational progress and in the welfare of the community at large. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and he is widely known in Deerfield township and throughout this section of the state, where he has ever commanded and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who have known him. He represents one of the old pioneer families and has himself been a witness of the development and progress of this section of the state for more than a half century. Throughout the entire period the Frazee family has been identified with farming interests and their labors have been a marked element in contributing to the agricultural development and progress of northern Iowa. The work begun by his father is now being carried forward by E. R. Frazee and his labors are attended with excellent results.

#### JAMES O. FRAZEE.

James O. Frazee has spent the forty-eight years of his life upon the farm on section 5, Chickasaw township, Chickasaw county, on which he now resides. This was his birthplace and his natal day was January 30, 1871, his parents being Benjamin and Mary S. (Michael) Frazee. The father, a native of Perry county, Ohio, was born June 11, 1828, and the mother was born in Carroll county, Indiana, December 30, 1845. The paternal grandfather was James L. Frazee, who was born in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania. His wife, Mrs. Susanah Frazee, was born in the state of Maryland. They settled in Clinton county, Indiana, in an early day and removed to Chickasaw county, Iowa, in the early '50s, when pioneering was extremely difficult and when this section was still a hunting ground for the Indians. James L. Frazee established his home in Chickasaw township, near Bassett, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead farm from the government, paying a dollar and a quarter per acre. It was entirely destitute of improvements, the work of cultivation having not yet been begun. Upon this he built one of the old-time log cabins, but a year later he was able to replace this primitive dwelling by the present home residence, hauling the lumber from Conover, a distance of fifty miles or more. This house when built was considered a mansion and was probably the finest home in Chickasaw county at the time. James L. Frazee belonged to that class of sturdy pioneer stock that feared nothing, and, blazing a way through the wilderness, planted the seeds of civilization on frontier soil. He endured all of the hardships and privations incident to settlement in a far western country and his labors made it possible for a later generation to live in peace and plenty. He continued to further develop the old homestead until his death, which occurred October 14, 1884, when he was eighty-one years of age. He and his wife had a family of two sons and two daughters, all of whom reached a notable old age.