

Mr. Bradley votes with the democratic party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he is anxious for its success because of his firm belief in the efficacy of its principles as factors in good government. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F., Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen and the Christian church, associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules that govern his conduct. His fellow townsmen speak of him in terms of high regard and he has many warm friends in Cresco and throughout Howard county.

J. P. ROTHS.

J. P. Roths, who follows farming on section 15, Chickasaw township, in Chickasaw county, was born in Illinois, October 4, 1880, his parents being Mathias and Katherine (Trappen) Roths, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Theodore Roths, brother of our subject. In his youthful days J. P. Roths was a pupil in the district schools of Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and when twelve years of age he removed with his parents to Iowa and assisted his father in farm work until he reached the age of twenty-three. He was then married to Miss Minnie Pitz, a daughter of Mrs. Amelia Pitz, the wedding being celebrated February 12, 1904. Her father died in Chickasaw township a number of years ago, but the mother is still living and now makes her home in Ionia. To Mr. and Mrs. Roths have been born, the following children: Alfred, Irene, Carrie, Missela, Arthur and Carolina.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Roths settled upon a farm in Deerfield township, which he rented for six years. On the expiration of that period he came to his present home place, purchasing the farm which he now owns and which comprises one hundred and thirty acres of land. He has since lived upon this property and his labors have wrought a marked transformation in its appearance and value. He has carefully tilled his fields and his efforts have been rewarded with a measure of success that places him among the well-to-do farmers of the county.

During the period of the great World war Mr. Roths' son Alfred served in the army from September 5, 1918, until January 16, 1919, being with the Second Infantry of the Nineteenth Division. He was in training at Camp Dodge when the armistice was signed. Mr. Roths has never been an office seeker nor has he sought to figure prominently in public life, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs, whereby he has provided a comfortable living for his family.

A. G. WILKES.

A. G. Wilkes, who on the 27th of January, 1910, departed this life, was identified with the pioneer development of the west and for many years was numbered among the highly respected citizens of Howard county. He devoted considerable time to general farming and stock raising, and his diligence and perseverance were the elements of growing success. He was born in Chautauqua county, New York, May 4, 1861, a son of John and Henrietta (Starks) Wilkes, who were also natives of the Empire state. They removed westward with their family when their son, A. G. Wilkes, was a youth of seventeen years and the father purchased a farm upon which they resided throughout the remainder of their days and which is now occupied by Mrs. A. G. Wilkes. Year after year the father carried on the farm work and his labors wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, which he converted into a valuable farm property. He was thus busily engaged to the time of his demise, which occurred in 1891. His widow survived him for about two decades, passing away in 1911.

A. G. Wilkes obtained his education in the district schools of his native county and after the removal of his parents to Iowa he assisted his father in clearing the land and developing the home property, being thus engaged for about a year. He then began