

Springs and engaged in the farm implement business for a period of two years. He then sold his store and purchased the farm that had been preempted by W. O. Chesebrough, his half brother, in 1854. During the following eleven years Mr. Marsh engaged in general agricultural pursuits and this time the venture proved more profitable, as he produced good crops and brought his land under a high state of cultivation. In 1897 he traded his farm property for his present, hardware business, which he has since conducted, and he now has one of the well appointed mercantile establishments of Lime Springs.

In 1873 Mr. Marsh was married to Miss Hattie A. Stalker, of Randolph, Wisconsin, and to them have been born three children: Lena J., the wife of Anthony Marshall, of Cresco, Iowa; Eugene S., who is with, the New York Central Railroad as traveling storekeeper, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio; and Marvin M., who was a commercial salesman and died at Des Moines, Iowa, January 13, 1919.

Mr. Marsh has always maintained an independent course in politics and has steadily refused political preferment. He belongs to Lime Springs Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M., and is its oldest representative. He has ever remained a faithful follower of the craft and is equally loyal in his connection with the Knights of Pythias. His religious faith is that of the Christian Science church. Howard county numbers him, among its oldest and best known pioneer settlers and with every phase of the county's development and progress he is thoroughly familiar.

HIRAM H. KNOX.

Hiram H. Knox, deceased, was born in Sheldon, Houston county, Minnesota, September 20, 1871, a son of Hiram and Lovantia E. Knox. The father was born near Augusta, Maine, while the mother was a native of Massachusetts, and their marriage was celebrated near Buffalo, New York. The father followed the occupation of farming as a life work, but in 1849, following the discovery of gold in California, he crossed the plans to the Pacific coast in order to search for the precious metal there and accumulated a considerable fortune. He afterward retraced his steps as far as Houston, Minnesota, where he purchased land and engaged in farming, in loaning money and in the raising of fast horses. He loaned considerable money to the government during the Civil war. He was a well known, prominent and representative resident of Houston county, Minnesota, for many years, there making his home to the time of his death, which occurred in September, 1906. His wife died November 12, 1918, at Sheldon, Minnesota. He held membership in the Presbyterian church and its teachings guided him in all the relations of life. His political support was given to the republican party.

Hiram H. Knox spent his boyhood days in and near Houston, Minnesota, and after acquiring a high school education became a student in Carlton College of Minnesota and later took up the profession of teaching. He was afterward appointed to the position of deputy sheriff of Houston county and served in that capacity for a term, while later he spent one year on a farm in Winneshiek county, Iowa. He next became a teller in the Houston Bank of Houston, Minnesota, and likewise assisted in the conduct of a farm implement, grain and cattle business that was carried on by the bank. He remained in that connection until his death, which occurred on the 10th of January, 1908, when he had reached the age of thirty-six years.

On the 11th of December, 1895, Mr. Knox was united in marriage to Miss Clara Goocher, a daughter of William B. and Mary A. (Bottler) Goocher. Mrs. Knox was born in Orleans township, Winneshiek county, Iowa. Her father was a native of the province of Saxony. He was born March 8, 1828, and on the 2d of July, 1848, started for America as passenger on a United States sailing ship. He took up his abode in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and later went to Milwaukee, where he resided until 1849. He afterward worked on various farms in order to acquaint himself with the English language and in the spring of 1850 returned to Milwaukee, where he was employed by a stage coach company. He also carried the mail for four years and later purchased a team and conveyed passengers from Dubuque to Decorah, Iowa, making trips to the land office. In