

CHICKASAW AND HOWARD COUNTIES

and persistent in the conduct of his business affairs, and the sterling traits which he displays in the management of his farm have gained him recognition as a leading agriculturist of the community.

On the 14th of December, 1882, Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Goddard, of Deerfield township, a daughter of George J. Goddard, one of the early settlers of the township. He was born, in England and came to the United States when a child of but eight years in company with his parents, who settled first in Connecticut and in 1854 removed from New England to Iowa, locating in Chickasaw county. The grandfather, who was also named George Goddard bought one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. The place is situated on section 34, Deerfield township, and there both the father and grandfather of Mrs. Rose resided until called to their final rest. By her marriage Mrs. Rose has become the mother of four children: Jesse W., who is now farming in Chickasaw township; Harry J., who carries on general agricultural pursuits in Deerfield township; Lulu A., the wife of George Venz, a resident farmer of Chickasaw township; and John G., at home.

Mr. Rose is a republican in his political views and has supported the party since reaching adult age. He is one of the foremost residents of his community, a public spirited citizen whose active interest in the general welfare is manifest in many ways. He has also been a generous supporter of charitable projects and is always ready to extend a helping hand to a fellow traveler on life's journey. His salient characteristics are such as command for him the goodwill and high regard of all who know him.

THOMAS GATES.

In the history of Howard county's business development mention should be made of Thomas Gates, now deceased, who for many years was one of the most prominent stock dealers of the county and for years the only one engaged in that business in Lime Springs. He was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, October 28, 1843, and in early childhood removed with his parents to Illinois, where he resided until 1856 and then became a resident of Fillmore county, Minnesota, where his father homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of government land. There he and his wife spent their remaining days and when called to the home beyond their remains were interred in the cemetery a Le Roy, Minnesota.

Thomas Gates was educated in the district schools of the middle west and in 1864, then a young man of twenty-one years, he responded to the country's call for troops to aid in the suppression of rebellion in the south and enlisted at Rochester, Minnesota, in Company K of the Fourth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, with which he served under Captain Beard until the close of the war, being honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1865. He took part in the engagements at Altoona Pass and Savannah, Georgia, and also in many other hotly contested battles which led up to the final victory that crowned the Union arms.

With his return home Mr. Gates took up the occupation of farming in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and there acquired a valuable tract of land of two hundred and fifty acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation, annually gathering rich harvests as the reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon his fields.

On the 27th of June, 1872, Mr. Gates was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Munger, who died in December, 1898, leaving three children, Walter, Fred and Minnie, of whom the first named is now deceased. The second son is a resident of Lime Springs and Minnie is the wife of Erwin Obriham of Lime Springs.

It was in 1876 that Mr. Gates removed with his family to Lime Springs and for three years he was there engaged in the agricultural implement business. He then turned his attention to the buying of live stock and for twenty-two years was prominently identified with the live stock business, handling a large amount of cattle each year. His sound judgment and enterprise in business affairs brought to him a very substantial measure of success and he ranked with the foremost business