

his attention to its further improvement. On the 15th of May, 1893, he was united in marriage to Ada L. Hudson, of Clayton county, Iowa, a daughter of Horace L. and Mary J. Hudson of that county. Her father was a Civil war veteran, having aided valiantly in the defense of the Union. To Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge have been born two children: Hazel J., now twenty-three years of age; and Gertrude M., aged nineteen, both upon the home farm with their parents.

Mr. Eldridge and his family attend the Congregational church. He has been identified with the Yeoman lodge for eighteen years, having become one of its charter members. In community affairs he has taken a deep and helpful interest, has been a township officer, secretary of the school board for the past twenty-four years, township clerk in 1893 and 1894, assessor for the past six years and census enumerator in 1915. He is a most progressive man in matters of citizenship and the same spirit is manifest in the conduct of his farm. All of the improvements upon the property at the present time have been placed there by him and he has one of the most modern and attractive farms in Howard Center township.

J. G. CHANNER.

J. G. Channer, who follows farming on section 4, Chickasaw township, Chickasaw county, was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, May 20, 1867, and is a son of William and Louisa (Borley) Channer, who were natives of England. Crossing the ocean, they became residents of Canada in young manhood and womanhood and were married in Ontario. In 1861 they made their way over the border into the United States and came to Iowa, Mr. Channer purchasing the farm which is now owned by J. G. Channer. Upon this place he and his wife resided throughout their remaining days, his death occurring in 1891, while his widow survived him until 1912.

J. G. Channer has spent practically his entire life in Chickasaw county and was a pupil in the district schools, while through vacation periods and after his schooldays were over he was carefully trained in the work of plowing and planting the fields and caring for the crops. He had attained the age of twenty-four years when his father died and he soon afterward purchased the old home farm of one hundred and twenty acres, upon which he has continuously lived for forty-eight years. His agricultural interests have been carefully conducted and his success is the legitimate and direct outcome of his persistent labor and intelligent effort.

In 1897 Mr. Channer was married to Miss Daisy Scott, a daughter of John Scott, of Chickasaw township, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Floyd county but for the past eleven years has lived retired on a small place adjoining the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Channer. The latter have become the parents of four children: Scott, Malcolm, Isabelle and Mildred, the last two being twins.

Mr. Channer votes with the republican party, feeling convinced that its principles contain the best elements of good government. He and his family are members of the Congregational church. His life exemplifies many sterling traits of character, and his entire career has been actuated by high principles, making him a man whom to know is to esteem.

JOHN J. KLIMESH.

John J. Klimesh, the owner of Maple Side Farm, one of the valuable properties of Utica township, situated on section 35, has been a lifelong resident of Chickasaw county, for his birth occurred February 22, 1886, upon the farm which he now owns and occupies. His father, Frank J. Klimesh, is one of the prominent business men of Protivin, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

The son at the usual age entered the district schools and when his textbooks were put aside he worked with his father and was thus employed until the time