

father, his business training was thorough and he became well qualified for the onerous duties that devolve upon him in his present connection as manager of the Nashua branch of the produce, hides and fur business of J. W. Pierce & Sons.

In 1913 Russell H. Pierce was united in marriage to Miss Iowa L. Badger, of Chickasaw county, a daughter of F. J. Badger, a retired farmer who is now residing in Nashua. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have become parents of a son, Russell B.

Politically Mr. Pierce is an earnest republican and is serving as the present clerk of his township. Fraternally he is connected with Bradford Lodge, No. 129, A. F. & A. M., and also with Nashua Lodge, No. 391, I. O. O. F., Nashua Lodge, No. 110, K. P., and the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife attend the Congregational church and guide their lives by its teachings. They are people of prominence in social circles, and the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Pierce is regarded as one of the most progressive business men of his city, a dynamic force in its commercial circles and one who can always be counted upon to further public progress or advance in any way the welfare and development of the district in which he has so long resided.

LEONARD NOURSE.

Among Chickasaw county's pioneer settlers Leonard Nourse, of Fredericksburg, is numbered. He is, moreover, one of the venerable residents of this section of the state, as he has passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey. He was born in Vermont, January 2, 1832, a son of Timothy and Lucretia (Flint) Nourse, the former a native of Barre, Massachusetts, while the latter was born in Connecticut. The father was twice married, the mother of Leonard Nourse being his second wife. He spent the greater part of his mature life in Vermont but some time prior to his death removed to Athol, Worcester county, Massachusetts.

Leonard Nourse was educated in the common schools of the Green Mountain state and in 1855 left the parental roof to try his fortune in the middle west. He made his way to Dane county, Wisconsin, and there on the 1st of January, 1857, was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Smith. Later in the same year they came to Iowa, reaching Fredericksburg on the 3d of May. Mr. Nourse had previously learned the carpenter's trade and worked along that line in Wisconsin, while for four years after taking up his abode in Fredericksburg he was also employed at carpentering. In 1871 he purchased a farm of eighty acres three miles northeast of the town and started upon his career as an agriculturist. However, he worked intermittently at his trade when his services were not needed upon the farm, but he made agricultural pursuits his main business interest. To his first purchase of eighty acres he added from time to time as his financial resources permitted until his present farm holdings comprise two hundred and eighty acres. He continued to reside upon the old homestead until December 6, 1918, when he came to Fredericksburg, where he is now living, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nourse was born a son, Duane B., who has cooperated with his father in farming, their business interests being now closely associated. Duane B. Nourse married Miss Anna Churchill, of Fredericksburg, a daughter of Elias A. and Lucy (Watkins) Churchill, the former a native of Vermont, while the latter was born in Illinois. They were married, however, in Waverly, Iowa, on the 12th of December, 1857, having come to this state in young manhood and womanhood. They took up their abode in Bremer county and in 1868 removed to Chickasaw county, where for the following twenty years Mr. Churchill resided upon a farm in the vicinity of Fredericksburg. In 1888 he took up his abode in the town and there his wife passed away in July, 1913, while his demise occurred in January, 1917, when he was in the eighty-eighth year of his age. He was a veteran of the Civil war and was one of the well known men of Chickasaw county.

Leonard and Duane Nourse are both members of Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 333, A. F. & A. M. Leonard Nourse became one of the twelve charter members of the lodge