

years. Called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, he afterward returned to the old homestead in order to reside with his son, John D., with whom he remained to the time of his demise November 7, 1917, when he was seventy-six years of age. He was a man of prominence in Chickasaw county and his worth was widely recognized by all with whom he came in contact. He filled various township offices, was a member of the board of county supervisors and was honored by his district by election to the Iowa state legislature, serving in the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth general assemblies. He was a broad-minded, public-spirited citizen, a man of sterling character, and over his official record there fell no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. His wife, a most estimable lady, passed away November 9, 1909, at the age of sixty-four years.

Following his father's death John D. Frazee purchased the home farm, which then comprised two hundred and forty acres of land. Previous to this time he had bought from his father eighty acres, so that his present holdings comprise three hundred and twenty acres. He is one of the successful and progressive agriculturists of the community, his enterprise and diligence being the source of his continued prosperity.

In 1900 Mr. Frazee was united in marriage to Miss Emma Gillsbeck, of Chickasaw township, her parents being George and Elizebet Gillsbeck, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born in France. They were married in Galena, Illinois, and subsequently came to Chickasaw county, Iowa, settling on a farm in Chickasaw township, where they still make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Frazee have one son, John Lloyd, who is a high school student at Charles City, Iowa.

Politically Mr. Frazee is a democrat and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has always lived upon the farm which is now his home and which is endeared to him through the associations of his boyhood and youth as well as those of manhood days. His business affairs have been most wisely and carefully conducted and his enterprise has brought him steadily to the front as one of the leading farmers of Chickasaw township.

JERRY J. BURESH.

Jerry J. Buresh, living on section 36, Jamestown township, Howard county, was born in Linn county, Iowa, October 28, 1872, and is a son of George and Katherine (Moses) Buresh. The parents were both of Austrian birth and came to the United States with their respective parents in childhood. The two families settled in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and it was there that Mr. and Mrs. George Buresh were married in the year 1861. When their son, Jerry J. Buresh, was a little lad of but three years they removed to Howard county, settling in Saratoga township upon a farm situated on section 36. The father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and at once began the active work of developing and improving that property.

Jerry J. Buresh was reared in the usual manner of the farmbred boy. He worked in the fields during the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the public schools. He continued to give his father the benefit of his services until he was twenty-five years of age, when he started out in business life independently, taking up the work of farming upon rented land. He first had forty acres in land in Afton township, and this tract he successfully cultivated for a time. Afterward he secured eighty acres in Jamestown township, where he has since made his home, purchasing his farm from his brother Walter in 1906. Through the intervening period he has concentrated his efforts and attention upon the cultivation and improvement of his property and has made his an excellent farm. He facilitates the work of the fields by utilizing the most highly improved farm machinery and in all of his methods he is thoroughly progressive and enterprising.

On the 17th of May, 1898, Mr. Buresh was united in marriage to Miss Mary Simon, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Simon, who came from Austria to the new world and are now living near Cedar Rapids, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Buresh have