

rence. He endured uncomplainingly the privations and hardships of early pioneer life and practiced frugality and industry. He was a man of clean life, honorable in all of his dealings with his fellowmen and by reason of his carefully directed labors he won a place among the substantial farmers of Chickasaw county. The old homestead is today one of the well improved farm properties of Jacksonville township. It may well be said that the world is better from the fact that Mr. Donovan lived. He was a Christian gentleman of Catholic faith, who throughout his life held to high principles and sought to advance toward the highest ideals. His wife departed this life June 3, 1913, and when they were called to their final rest Chickasaw county lost two of its most worthy and esteemed pioneer residents.

P. E. McGINN.

P. E. McGinn, a well known figure in the business circles of New Hampton, is conducting an insurance and real estate office and has gained a good clientage along both lines. He is numbered among the native sons of Chickasaw county, for his birth occurred in Utica township, April 18, 1869, his parents being James and Bridget (Hardmon) McGinn, who were natives of Ireland. They came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood and were married on Staten Island, New York, in 1854. There they resided for two years and on the expiration of that period removed westward to Illinois. They settled first in Ogle county, where they resided for a decade. The father was a poor boy when he came to the United States and for years he worked as a day laborer, or by the month as a farm hand. But he was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and made the most of his opportunities toward that end. Eventually he began farming for himself in Ogle county upon rented land and in 1865 he removed from Illinois to Chickasaw county, Iowa, where two years before he had purchased one hundred and forty acres of land in Utica township, buying this from the man for whom he had worked in Ogle county, Illinois. His farm was situated on sections 30 and 31, Utica township, and upon this place he took up his abode, making it his home to the time of his death or for a period of thirty-five years. He passed away September 17, 1900, at the venerable age of eighty-four years, leaving to his family not only a comfortable competence but also the priceless heritage of a good name. His wife survived him for about seventeen years, her death occurring June 26, 1917, when she had reached the age of eighty-nine. During her later years she made her home with her two sons, P. E. and Frank McGinn. The record of the father is one which should well serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration not only to his sons but to all who read his life history. Starting out in the business world a poor boy without capital and without the aid of influential friends, he steadily worked his way upward and ultimately became the owner of six hundred acres of the most fertile land of Chickasaw county and was numbered among its men of affluence.

P. E. McGinn has been a lifelong resident of Chickasaw county. He was educated in the district schools near his father's farm, in the public schools of New Hampton and in the Breckenridge Institute at Decorah, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1891. When his school days were over he took up educational work and for ten years devoted his time to the profession of teaching. He also engaged during that period in farming and more and more largely concentrated his efforts and attention upon agricultural pursuits and stock raising. He began specializing in the breeding of thoroughbred Percheron horses, black polled Angus cattle and Chester white hogs and his live stock interests have constituted an important branch of his business, bringing to him gratifying success. At the time of his marriage he was deeded one hundred and twenty acres of land by his father, this tract constituting a part of the old homestead upon which he was born. Subsequently he bought one hundred and forty acres more, on which was located the old family residence and farm buildings, and he continued to reside upon the farm until December, 1914, when he removed to New Hampton, where he has since made his home. He still owns the farm of two hundred and sixty acres, however, and it is now being further developed and cultivated by tenants under his direction. Since taking