

Webster, a daughter of Calvin F. and Serena (Irvine) Webster. Mrs. McCook was born in Laporte, Indiana, while her parents are natives of Ohio. Her father spent his boyhood days in Indiana, where he acquired his education, and subsequently he removed to Howard county, Iowa, where he took up the occupation of farming. He was also clerk of the court of Cresco for a number of years and later he removed to Minneapolis, where he died in 1918 at the notable old age of ninety years, and his wife had reached an equal age at her death. This is surely a marvelous history, for seldom does any couple attain such an advanced age. Mr. Webster is a republican in his political views and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while both he and his wife have long been devoted and faithful members of the Congregational church. They were early settlers of Howard county and are yet most kindly remembered by many who knew them during the period of their residence in this state.

To Mr. and Mrs. McCook have been born three children: Allie May, now the wife of C. G. Meredith, of Rochester, Minnesota; Clara Elizabeth, at home; and Florence, who completes the family.

Mr. McCook gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, of which he has long been a stalwart champion, and his prominence in political circles is indicated in the fact that he was chosen a delegate to the national convention of his party in Denver. He is now giving of his time and effort to the interests of his country as a member of the Council of Defense. Fraternally he is a Mason and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. His life has been well spent and he has always lived up to high and honorable standards of manhood and citizenship. There have been no spectacular phases in his career but the worth of his work is acknowledged by all, for his aid and influence have ever been on the side not only of the material advancement of the county but of its intellectual, social, political and moral progress.

L. H. GOODALE, M. D.

A prominent and successful representative of the medical profession in Chickasaw county is Dr. L. H. Goodale, who has now been in continuous practice at Nashua for nearly a third of a century. He was born in Pierpont, New York, on the 8th of April, 1863, his parents being Stephen and Mary E. (Hubbard) Goodale, likewise natives of the Empire state. Their marriage was celebrated at Martinsburg, New York, and they continued to reside in that state until 1866, when they came west to Iowa, settling at Farley in Dubuque county. There Mr. Goodale purchased the hotel and livery stable, both of which he conducted with success and profit for a period of thirty-five years. He passed away at Farley in 1907, when seventy-seven years of age, but his widow still survives and yet makes her home in Farley at the age of eighty-nine years.

L. H. Goodale, who was but three years of age when his parents established their home in Iowa, pursued his education in this state and was graduated from the high school of Farley with the class of 1878. In 1883 he began preparation for his chosen profession under the preceptorship of Dr. Wittmer, of Farley, who directed his reading for a year, and in 1884 he entered the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, which conferred upon him the degree of M. D. upon his graduation with the class of 1887. He personally provided the funds necessary for his medical course and the strength of character which he thus displayed has ever been one of his dominant qualities. On the 22d of August, 1887, he began practice in Nashua, where he has remained continuously throughout the intervening period, covering almost a third of a century. He is widely recognized as a physician and surgeon of pronounced skill and ability and his practice has steadily grown as the years have passed. He has membership with the Chickasaw County Medical Society, the Austin Flint Cedar Valley Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In financial circles he has also become known as a member of the board of directors of the Commercial State Savings Bank of Nashua.

On the 19th of September, 1888, Dr. Goodale was united in marriage to Miss Jennie M. Spear, of Nashua, by whom he had two children, one of whom has passed away.