

father was a traveling salesman and also a hotel man in Vermont for two years but afterward continued his salesmanship in the state of New York. In 1862 he enlisted in response to the country's call for troops, joining the Union army as a member of the Eighteenth New York Cavalry, with which he served for three years, engaged in camp and field work. He was at one time president of the army hospital at Fort Schuyler and at the close of the war he was honorably discharged. When the country no longer needed his aid he returned to the Empire state and afterward removed to the west, with McGregor, Iowa, as his destination. He traveled by way of the Great Lakes to Milwaukee, then across the country to McGregor, where he established a hotel, which he conducted for some time. He afterward cultivated a farm at National, Iowa, and still later removed to Winneshiek county, Iowa, establishing his home in Orleans township, where he secured a farm upon which he lived for three years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Cresco, where he is now living retired. He has served as marshal and constable for a number of years and has been prominently identified with public interests, discharging every public duty with marked loyalty to the trusts reposed in him. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and proudly wears the little bronze button that indicates him to have been one of the defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brown has been born a son, James Monroe. The parents are consistent members of the Congregational church and guide their lives according to its teachings. Mr. Brown is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, loyally adhering to the teachings of the craft, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party, which he has supported since attaining adult age. He is widely and favorably known in Cresco, where much of his life has been passed. He has lived in Howard county from pioneer times, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He can relate many interesting events concerning the early history of the county as well as its later development, for Iowa has numbered him among its citizens for sixty-seven years.

ALBERT MILLER.

Albert Miller, who is living on section 7, Afton township, Howard county, was born in Wisconsin, January 24, 1872. He came to Howard county when a small boy with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Miller. His father is still living and resides upon the old home farm in Afton township, having for many years been a representative agriculturist of this section of the state.

Albert Miller was reared under the parental roof and his youthful days were spent in the usual manner of the farm boy who divides his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. His educational opportunities were only those afforded by the common schools and in later life he has learned many valuable lessons in the school of experience. His training in farm work was not meager, for he early began to assist his father in the work of the fields and had had valuable experience along this line when he started in farming on his own account. He purchased his present farm in 1895 and through the intervening period of almost a quarter of a century has resided thereon, bending his efforts to its further development and improvement. He has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, and the place is now very productive annually yielding splendid crops.

In 1906 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Lubbert, a daughter of Louis Lubbert, one of the old settlers of Afton township. Both of her parents have passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller has been born a daughter, Tena, who is now twelve years of age.

The parents are members of the German Lutheran church of Riceville and guide their lives according to its teachings, their many sterling traits of character gaining for them the warm regard and good will of all who know them. In politics Mr. Miller is