

the Green Mountain state removed to Potsdam, New York, in the year 1847. There they settled upon a farm in the south part of the town, living in a log house, the father taking up the arduous task of clearing a part of the land of the timber and stumps before the crops could be planted. Thus he aided in the pioneer development of that region.

His son, Homer D. Jewett, attended the district schools between the ages of six and sixteen years. Through the period of his boyhood and youth he worked on farms after leaving school, being thus employed until twenty-four years of age, when, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial, he entered a studio and learned the art of portrait painting, which profession he followed until coming to the middle west in 1904. Since that time he has been a resident of Minnesota and Iowa and has been engaged in photographic work. Before removing west of the Mississippi he was employed in some of the leading studios of Potsdam and Syracuse, New York, and of Chicago Illinois, and it has been his privilege to paint portraits of some very notable personages, including governors of states, principals of large schools and people in other prominent walks of life.

At Potsdam, New York, on the 30th of August, 1887, Mr. Jewett was married to Miss Lottie E. Stickney, a daughter of J. Dennison and Beulah M. Stickney. Mrs. Jewett was born in Madrid, St. Lawrence county, New York, in March 1860. Her father was born in Jay, Essex county, New York, while her mother was a native of Madrid. They were farming people.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Jewett are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Good Templars, while from 1885 until 1888 inclusive, or for two terms, he served as financial secretary of his lodge. In all matters of citizenship he stands for those things which he deems of greatest worth to the community and his aid and influence are ever on the side of those projects which are for the uplift of the individual and the upbuilding of the state. He is a staunch advocate of the cause of temperance and in many ways has manifested his interest in forces for righteousness and public benefit. During the period of the world war he was a most loyal and earnest supporter of the government in its efforts to advance the cause of democracy among the people of the world and contributed to the extent of his ability to the support of the Liberty Loan drives and all war measures.

D. H. TIDGWELL.

D. H. Tidgwell is well known as a representative citizen of Elma. He was for many years engaged in the lumber trade but is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He was born in Racine county, Wisconsin, September 30, 1859, a son of John and Margaret (McDonald) Tidgwell, the former a native of Bradford, England, while the latter was born in the north of Ireland. They came to the United States with their respective parents, the former as a youth of seventeen years and the latter as a little maiden of ten summers. Both of the families located in what was known as the English settlement in Racine county, Wisconsin, and there the parents of D. H. Tidgwell were later married. The father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land and engaged in farming, residing upon his farm property to the time of his death.

D. H. Tidgwell was educated in the district schools and left home when twenty-two years of age to seek his fortune independently. In April, 1882, he came to Iowa, settling in Chickasaw county, where he rented a farm a mile east of the present site of the courthouse. There he kept bachelor's hall and devoted his attention to his farm work for five years. In the fall of 1886 he bought lumber in New Hampton and hauled it to the present site of Elma, where he built a hardware store. This was prior to the time when the railroad was built and his was one of the first buildings erected in the town. He conducted a hardware trade for six years and success attended the new venture.

About this time, in the fall of 1892, Mr. Tidgwell was united in marriage to Miss