

interests and removed to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where he spent one year and a half. He next removed to Clark county, that state, and there engaged in farming until 1912, when he formed a partnership with Dr. W. H. Emmons, organizing the Burr Oak Mercantile Company. They control a large and profitable general store in Burr Oak and in one year have secured an excellent patronage, accorded them in recognition of their reliable and honorable business methods and their straightforward dealings.

In 1884 Mr. Whitney was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Loretta Keefer, a native of Columbus, Wisconsin, and they became the parents of three children: Ray, who was killed at the age of eight years; Lottie, who died at the age of eleven months; and Bessie, who lives at home. Mr. Whitney is a man of many sterling qualities and these have gained him the respect and high esteem of all with whom he is associated.

SAMUEL RICE.

A well improved farm of one hundred and seventy acres, located on sections 25, 26 and 36, Burr Oak township, and known as Fair Oaks Stock Farm, is the home of Samuel Rice, he having resided thereon since 1858. He was born on a farm thirty miles west of Montreal, Canada, on the 4th of November, 1845, a son of Thomas and Alary (Cobine) Rice, both of whom were natives of County Monaghan, Ireland. There they were reared and married and in 1832 with their two children, they emigrated to Canada, making that place their home until 1858, when they removed to Winneshiek county. The father here purchased the farm on which our subject now resides, the place comprising one hundred and seventy acres of land in sections 25, 26 and 36, Burr Oak township. The father was a weaver and followed his trade in Ireland but after coming to Canada he engaged in farming and during his residence in Winneshiek county he followed the same pursuit. After leaving their native country five more children were added to the household, the family record being as follows: William and John, deceased; James C, who resides in Canton, Minnesota; Thomas, also of Canton; Mary J., twin sister of Thomas, and the wife of Joseph Stuart, of Bluffton township, Winneshiek county; David, who makes his home in Burr Oak township; and Samuel, of this review. The father gave his political support to the republican party, while his religious belief was that of the Presbyterian church, in the faith of which he died September 10, 1871, at the advanced age of seventy-five years. His wife survived for more than two decades, departing this life November 9, 1891, when she had reached the extreme old age of ninety-two and a half years.

Samuel Rice was reared to farm life and when he started out on his own account he chose this as his occupation. He accompanied his parents on their removal from Canada to Winneshiek county, being at that time a lad in his teens. He has since made his home on the farm of which he is now the owner, the place comprising one hundred and seventy acres, located on section 25, 26 and 36, Burr Oak township, and known as Fair Oaks Stock Farm. Formerly for many years Mr. Rice made a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle, Shropshire sheep and Poland China hogs but now gives his attention more particularly to general