

of upbuilding a worthy and useful part, and thus it was that in his passing the section lost one of its most valued and representative citizens.

He was born at Oldenburg, Franklin county, Indiana, March 19, 1847, and is a son of Francis Joseph and Mary Ann (Gaertner) Huber, the former born at Berne, Switzerland, in May, 1811. He came to America in a sailing vessel about the year 1833 and pushed westward to Ohio and thence to Franklin county, Indiana, where he married. His wife was born in France on the 28th of February, 1821, and her father served under Napoleon, taking part in the burning of Moscow. The family afterward came to America, making the journey on a sailing vessel which, after being pursued by pirates and meeting with other dangerous adventures on the high seas, landed safely at New Orleans, where the Gaertner family lived for a short time. They afterward moved northward to Franklin county, Indiana, where on the 10th of October, 1843, Miss Gaertner was united in marriage to Francis Joseph Huber. Mr. and Mrs. Huber continued to reside in Indiana until 1849, when they came as pioneers to Winneshiek county, Iowa, locating in what is known as Old Mission, in Washington township

The Huber and Gaertner families built the first chapel in Winneshiek county and on the 13th of June every year anniversary services are held there. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Joseph Huber lived for many years in Washington township, the father dying November 23, 1888, and his wife in October, 1901. Both were people of exceptional qualities of mind and heart and many sterling traits of character and were widely known and highly respected in the community where they had resided since pioneer times. The father had always taken a prominent part in public affairs, cooperating heartily in all movements for the advancement of the county along any line, and for a number of years did able service as justice of the peace, being the first man to hold this office in Winneshiek county. He and his wife became the parents of fourteen children. Philomena is the widow of John Schissel, formerly a farmer in Winneshiek county. Phillip Joseph is the subject of this review. Louis, who was born December 8, 1848, now resides in Calmar. Mary, who was born at Old Mission, became the wife of Harvey Waters and is now deceased. Barbara, who passed away at Fort Atkinson in 1911, was born at Old Mission on March 19, 1850, and became the wife of William Becker, of California. Anna, born November 18, 1853, married Conrad W. Geising, of Calmar, who passed away in June, 1909. His widow now resides at Superior, Wisconsin, where a number of her children are located. Henry William was born at Old Mission on the 3d of July, 1855, and died in infancy. George Henry was born at Old Mission, August 21, 1856, and is now a resident of Calmar, Iowa. Caroline, whose birth occurred also at Old Mission on the 9th of November, 1858, married Antone Koch, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Rose was born at Old Mission on the 9th of December, 1860, and married George Hauber, of Calmar. Louisa, born at Old Mission, July 31, 1862, married Charles Broghammer, a farmer residing north of Decorah. Frank, also a native of Old Mission, born December 14, 1864, married Veronica Sluka and they are residing on the old home farm. Josephine, born June 3, 1866, at Old Mission, married Charles Krumm, of Fort Atkinson. Julia was born January 12, 1868, and is now the wife of Henry Etteldorf, a merchant of Ossian, Iowa.

Phillip J. Huber was brought by his parents to Iowa when he was but three years of age and was reared upon the homestead at Old Mission, acquiring such