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AND ITS PEOPLE

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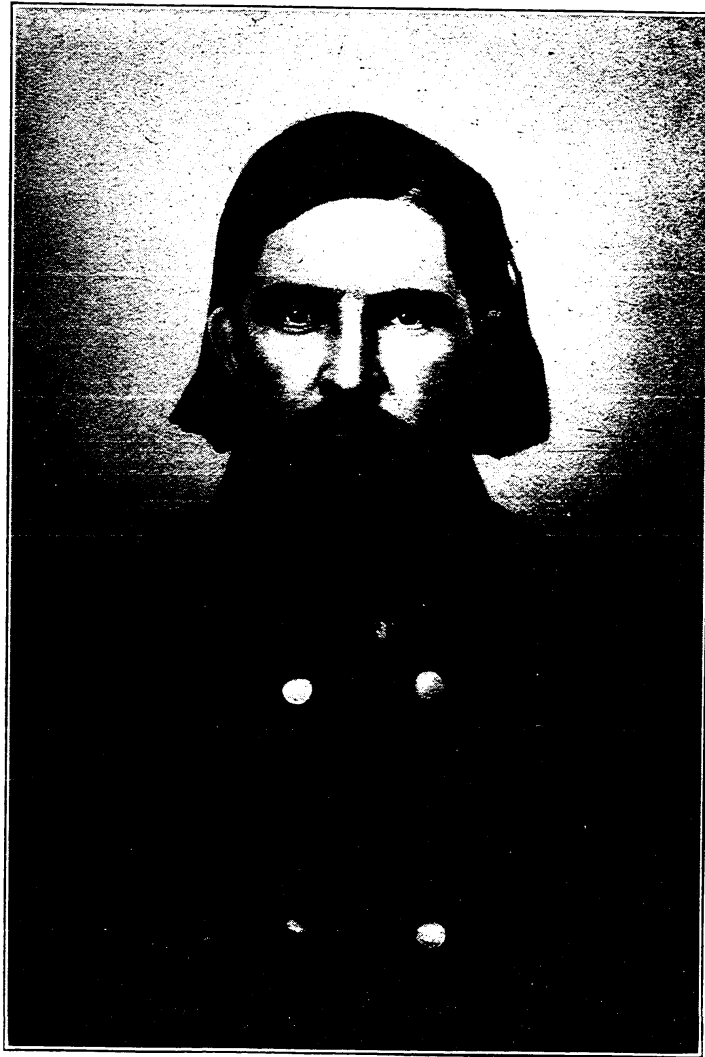
William A. Banks was reared in this county, as were all of his brothers and sisters, and attended the common schools. In his boyhood and youth he received valuable training in agriculture through assisting his father and since coming to years of maturity has continued to follow that occupation. In addition to cultivating the fields he raises full blooded Polled Angus cattle and the sale of his grain and stock yields him a good income annually. The farm comprises three hundred and sixty-five acres and its value is increased by its favorable location, as it is about six miles from the city of Knoxville. Everything about the place is kept in excellent repair, the fertility of the soil is conserved by wise methods of cultivation and the latest machinery is employed in the farm work.

Mr. Banks is a republican and has acceptably served as trustee of Knoxville township, looking after the business of the township as carefully as if it were his own. His membership in the Plymouth Presbyterian church of Knoxville township indicates his religious belief.

THOMAS GULLION.

On the list of Marion county's honored dead appears the name of Thomas Gullion, who for an extended period was prominently and actively connected with agricultural interests in Indiana township, his labors bringing to him a substantial measure of success. He early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins and industry became the beacon light of his life. No matter how difficult the task which confronted him he accomplished it, for he was resolute, determined and persevering, and above all things he was thoroughly honorable in his business dealings.

Indiana numbered him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in that state, June 17, 1829, his parents being Jeremiah and Rebecca (McGrew) Gullion, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They removed to Indiana at an early day and in the '40s came to Marion county, Iowa, arriving here before the admission of the state into the Union. This section was still largely undeveloped and unimproved, in fact, there were very few white settlers. The forests were uncut, the prairies uncultivated, the streams unbridged, and only here and there was to be seen the little cabin of the settler, showing that the seeds of civilization were being planted.



THOMAS GULLION

The father secured land which he converted into a productive farm, upon which both he and his wife spent their remaining days.

Thomas Gullion was a youth in his early teens when the family came to Iowa and he shared with them in all of the hardships, trials and privations incident to pioneer life when neighbors lived miles apart and when farm work was very arduous, for there was none of the modern machinery of the present day. After reaching man's estate Mr. Gullion was united in marriage on the 1st of April, 1853, to Miss Hannah A. Simmons, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, a daughter of Benjamin and Frances (Sherwood) Simmons, both of whom were natives of Indiana. At an early day they removed to Illinois and in 1837 came to Iowa when this state was still a part of the territory of Wisconsin. They settled in Linn county, Mr. Simmons being the second man to pass the winter in that county. They secured a tract of land and he built a log cabin with a clapboard roof and a puncheon floor and door, from which hung the latchstring, usually on the outside. There was a mud and stick chimney and the only means of heating the cabin was the fireplace. After aiding in the pioneer development of Linn county Mr. Simmons again became identified with pioneer life, removing to the northwest and taking up his abode in Oregon in 1853. There he and his wife again took part in sowing the seeds of civilization in a wild district and their remaining days were spent in that state. In their family were twelve children, of whom five are yet living.

Following his marriage Mr. Gullion purchased three hundred acres of land in Indiana township and bent his energies to the development and improvement of the place. The opening of spring saw him at work in the fields and he carefully tilled the soil and cultivated the crops until the harvests were gathered in the late autumn. The methods which he followed were at once practical and progressive and brought gratifying results. He lived upon the farm until his death, which occurred in April, 1911.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gullion were born ten children: Margaret, now the wife of John Corkins; Rebecca, who married William Hall; Sarah, the wife of George Gruder; McClellan; Isaac J.; Danny, at home; John S.; and three who have passed away. After the demise of her husband Mrs. Gullion sold the home farm and purchased fifteen acres, where she now resides. This land is highly improved and to its further development and cultivation she gives her personal attention and supervision.

Mr. Gullion was a member of the Methodist Protestant church and his life was in harmony with its teachings. In politics he was

a democrat and always took an active interest in the questions and issues of the day but did not seek nor wish for office. He believed, however, it was the duty of every true American citizen to exercise his right of franchise in support of the principles in which he believed and he at all times manifested a public-spirited devotion to the general good. When death called him he was laid to rest in the Gullion cemetery, leaving a widow and seven children to mourn his loss.

PAULS LUMBER COMPANY.

The Pauls Lumber Company, with its home office in Washington, Iowa, has a well stocked lumberyard in Knoxville, of which Benjamin R. Beach is the manager. The yard has been established in the city for many years, in fact, is one of the oldest in Knoxville, but it has belonged to the Pauls Lumber Company only since January, 1908. Previous to that it was the property of the Anthes Lumber Company. Its founder was J. S. Bellamy, who incorporated the business in 1875. The present owners continue the liberal policies which made the yard successful in its early history and carry a full line of lumber of all kinds and various building materials. A large patronage is accorded them and the volume of their business is steadily increasing.

FRED FARLEY CARPENTER, M. D.

One of the popular and up-to-date physicians of Pella is Dr. Fred Farley Carpenter, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, October 28, 1869, a son of L. J. and Sarah (Rood) Carpenter. He resided there until he was a child of seven years and then accompanied his parents upon their removal to Jasper county, Iowa. The father practiced medicine at Galesburg until a few years ago, when he removed to Pella, where he has since been associated with the subject of this review. There are three sons in the family, the brothers of Dr. Carpenter being: Oscar, a physician of Sully, Iowa; and Frank, a physician of Jasper county, this state.

Dr. Fred F. Carpenter obtained his general education in the public schools and took his professional work at Drake University, from which he was graduated in 1897 with the degree of M. D. He served