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ADAMS, CHARLES G.—Was born October 9, 1825, in Greene county Tennessee. In 1831 removed with his parents to Indiana, and settled in Johnson county. In 1837 removed to Brown county. Was brought up on a farm, or rather making a farm in the beech woods of Indiana. Had but limited means of obtaining an education, only such as was afforded at the log cabin school-house presided over by the "Hoosier School Master." In the spring of 1844 got a situation as clerk in a store, and remained there two years. In 1846, when war was declared with Mexico, enlisted in what was afterward company E, Third Indiana volunteers. Soon after entering the service contracted disease from which he has never recovered. Was discharged the same year, at camp Belknap, Rio Grande, Texas, for disability. In the fall of 1848, in company with two of his comrades, Joseph Robertson and Theodore Whitney, came to Iowa on a prospecting tour, located a land warrant in township 80, range 17, Jasper county. Returned to Indiana, and on the 22d of February, 1849, was married to Miss Sarah Fusselman, a native of Richland county, Ohio. In April of the same year left Indiana for Iowa, intending to settle on his land, but owing to adverse circumstances did not reach Iowa until late in the fall of 1850. Settled in, and has been a resident of, Powshiek county ever since. Shared with other early settlers the privations and hardships of frontier life during the rainy season of 1851. Lived for weeks without bread, only such as was made of corn meal, beat in a mortar. In 1852 was elected Clerk of the District Court, being the second person to hold that office from the organization of the county in 1848. Served until 1853, two terms. There being but little business in the office and the emoluments being light, in order to make a living, worked all the time not employed in the office at carpentering and clerking in a store, etc. Has a family of three children: Jennie (the oldest, now Mrs. J. T. Enser), Charles G. and Emma.