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EVANS, VESTUS—Of the firm of Terrell & Evans of Searsboro. Was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th day of March, 1834, where he continued to live until he was about seven years of age, when he removed with his parents to Medina county, in the State of Ohio, in which county he continued to live about four years, at the end of which time he removed to Lorain county, in the same State, where he remained about four years, when he removed with his parents to Canada West, where they remained about four years, or perhaps five, when he removed to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in the year 1855, and located in Montezuma, and followed the business of carpenter and joiner, which trade he learned while quite young. Mr. Evan's took the contract of furnishing and placing on the ground all the material for the present court-house in Montezuma, which was built in the year 1856. He continued to live at Montezuma for about six years, when he removed to Wilton Junction, Muscatine county, where he was employed by what is now the C., R. I. & P. R. R. Co., then the Mis-

issippi and Missouri River Company, in the capacity of a bridge builder, in which capacity he remained seven years, when he again returned to Montezuma and engaged in the drug business, remaining until 1873, when he removed to this place. July 7, 1858, he was married to Miss Mary L. Jones, of Montezuma, who was a lady of refined tastes and a congenial companion, which union was blessed by the birth of two children, both daughters: Miss Ida M. (now Mrs. Terrell), and Miss Rasha Evans (now a young lady refined and pleasing in her appearance). Mrs. Evans died on the fourth of July, 1878, and since that time Rasha has been the only housekeeper and companion of her father. The firm of Terrell & Evans has been prosperous and succeeded in accumulating considerable wealth. Its members are both gentlemen of good business tact.

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