
ALFRED J. EWART.

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Alfred J. Ewart, who is a progressive and enterprising farmer and stock-dealer, owns a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 21, Pleasant township, and is also a representative of one of the old and well known families of this section of the state. Mr. Ewart was born in the little village of Ewart in Pleasant township, January 25, 1867, a son of Robert and Euphemia (Burns) Ewart, who are now deceased. The parents were both natives of Morrow county, Ohio, and were there reared and married, coming to Poweshiek county about the year 1862. Here the father engaged in agricultural pursuits and became an extensive landowner, the village of Ewart being built on land which was once in his possession. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewart were born six children: Sarah, the wife of M. E. Sturgeon, of Saskatchewan, Canada; T. E., who makes his home in Chicago; Alfred J., of this review; Mattie, the wife of F. C. Rayburn, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; James S., a resident of Ewart; and Mamie, who became the wife of Charles Smith but is now deceased. The father departed this life in 1905, and the mother, surviving for only a year, passed away in 1906. Thus the community mourned the loss of two of its most prominent and highly esteemed residents.

Alfred J. Ewart was reared on the home farm in Pleasant township and was early trained to the duties that fall to the farmer boy, and the instruction

which he received in his youth and early manhood proved a valuable asset in after life. When he reached mature years he began business on his own account and is today the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land on section 21, Pleasant township, this property adjoining the village of Ewart on the east. In addition to carrying on general farming, Mr. Ewart also buys and ships stock on quite an extensive scale and this branch of his business is proving profitable to him.

Mr. Ewart chose as a companion and helpmate on the journey of life, Miss Anna Powell, their marriage being celebrated on the 22d of December, 1888. She was born in Searsboro, Poweshiek county, in 1866, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Powell. By her marriage she has become the mother of three daughters and three sons, namely: Leta, Alfred R., Nellie, Ruth, Kenneth and Robert.

In politics Mr. Ewart is independent, voting for the men and measures which he deems will prove most beneficial to the community. He is serving as assessor of his township and for three terms filled the office of township trustee. In his fraternal relations he is a Knight of Pythias. He is ever alert and progressive, and his advancement in life is the result of honorable business principles coupled with sound judgment. He is well known in the community in which he lives and labors, and the high reputation which his honored father always bore is also enjoyed by the son.

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EARLY RESIDENT GONE

Fifty-four Years in Poweshiek Is
Life Record of Alfred J.
Ewart.

GENEROUS HEARTED CITIZEN
PASSES TO FINAL REST

Was Member of Historic Family Which
Made Pleasant Township
Famous.

It was in 1863 when Robert Ewart came from Morrow county, Ohio, and settled on the most delightful spot in Pleasant township, to be followed a few years later by his brother, Matt.

They were thrifty, industrious and ambitious and gave their entire time to improving the fertile acres which they had secured and were soon known far and wide for their energy, business thrift, probity and high ideals. They not only reclaimed from the virgin sod several thousand acres of land, but became vital factors, not only in the political life of the township, but in its educational life as well. They were prime movers in all forward movements, and the construction of the G. & M. railway received not only their moral support, but much financial aid as well from them.

Here at Ewart, January 25, 1867, Alfred J. Ewart was born, the third of a family of six children, to Robert and Euphemia Burns Ewart. Three of this family still live, Mrs. Sadie Sturgeon of Grinnell, Mrs. Mattie Rayburn of Oskaloosa, and James S. Ewart, of Grinnell; two, Mrs. Mame Smith of Iowa City, and Tom D. Ewart, of Chicago, having passed away a few years ago.

As a young man Alfred attended Drake University and afterwards a commercial college in Des Moines.

Dec. 22, 1889, he married Anna L. Powell, of Searsboro, a member of one of the best known and most respected families of Poweshiek county. To this union nine children were born, three dying in infancy. Those living are Mrs. Leta Smead of Grinnell, Alfred Ewart of Marshalltown, Mrs. Nell Nightingale of Minneapolis, Mrs. Ruth Duer of Newton, and Kenneth and Robert of Grinnell.

and in many of his charities followed strictly the scriptural injunction not to let his left hand know what his right hand had done.

In his family he was kind and generous in all ways, always with a happy and cheery spirit, feeling in his family love that nothing was too good for them.

In Mr. Ewart's death Grinnell and Poweshiek county lose a useful and loyal citizen and successful farmer and business man, whose death is mourned by an unusually large circle of friends.

The funeral was held today at the home at one o'clock and at Ewart at 2:30, the trip to the former home being made by automobile. The services were in charge of Rev. E. M. Vittum, now of Muscatine, assisted by Rev. W. W. Woodburn, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ewart. Bearers are old time friends: J. S. Copeland, Geo. H. McMurray, T. C. Cessna, S. J. Pooley, James Buswell, Wm. Hamilton, John McKeag and Ward Needham. Music was by a male quartet composed of David E. Peck, Hall Clovis, Loren Border, Harvey Waugh.

Among out of town parties in attendance at the funeral are Durant and Merle Ewart of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stroud of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lynn of Marshalltown, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lonergan of Marengo, Mrs. Veva McInnery of Iowa City, and W. E. Sanders of New Sharon.

The children are all here to be with the mother at the last sad rites. There was a profusion of flowers on the coffin, gifts of the lodges of which he was



With the exception of one year in Kansas and one in Chicago where he was with a commission firm, his home had been at Ewart on the big farm on which he was born until 1916 when he moved with his family to Grinnell.

Mr. Ewart was recognized by his Pleasant township neighbors, as a man of rare business judgment and unwavering honesty, and he served the township several years both in the capacity of assessor and as township trustee. Since he has lived in Grinnell he has been a member of the Elks Lodge and of the Knights of Pythias and by both organizations he has been recognized as a generous, kind and genial friend, always with a word of