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WALTER A. FRASER.

Walter A. Fraser, one of the thrifty and prosperous young agriculturists of Warren township, is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 30. His birth occurred in Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, on the 17th of March, 1870, his parents being Donald and Martha J. (Coulson) Fraser. The mother, a lady of German descent, was born near Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio, and is now living at Anthon, Woodbury county, Iowa, with her daughter, Mrs. Edna Moore. Donald Fraser, known by his friends as "Uncle Donald," was born on the 30th of October, 1831, at Inverness-shire, Scotland, where he resided until he was twenty-one years of age. On attaining his majority he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Illinois. In 1856 he came to Iowa and took up his abode on a farm near Brooklyn, Poweshiek county. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for service in defense of the Union, joining the Fourth Iowa Cavalry on the 20th of February, 1864, and remaining with that command until the close of hostilities. He participated in sixteen decisive engagements and when the war had ended returned to his farm in Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, here residing until February, 1893. At that time he removed to Woodbury county, Iowa, making his home near Anthon until called to his final rest on the 8th of September, 1909. He was an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic. On the 22d of October, 1858, at Brooklyn, Iowa, he had wedded Miss Martha Jane Coulson, by whom he had seven children, namely: J. S., who operates a farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres belonging to A. Braden, and who married Miss Georgiana Adams, a daughter of Warren Adams, an agriculturist of Warren town-

p; Walter A. of this review; Rufus, who follows farming in Woodbury county, Iowa, and who wedded Miss Letha Waldo of that county; Catharine, wife of Wilmer Adams, an agriculturist of Warren township, this county; Anna, the widow of Henry Moore, and who resides in Woodbury county, this county; Sallie, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Harvey, who passed away when a little lad of three years of age.

Walter A. Fraser assisted his father in the work of the fields until he was twenty years of age, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account. He devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land in Bear Creek and Warren townships for nine years and then purchased the tract of one hundred and twenty acres which has since remained in his possession. By an additional purchase of forty acres he has since extended the boundaries of his farm to include a quarter section of land. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate he also breeds registered Hereford cattle. He feeds both cattle and hogs and ships his stock to Chicago. He has won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings as a farmer and stockman and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 6th of March, 1895, Mr. Fraser was united in marriage to Miss Clara Willett, a daughter of Cornelius and Eliza (Adams) Willett. Mr. Willett, a well known agriculturist of Warren township, is now living retired in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fraser. His wife died on the 18th of December, 1904, her demise occurring at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Baker, of Bear Creek township, this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have been born five children, namely: Vergie, who is fifteen years old; Eva, aged twelve years; Edna, and Florence, who are eleven and seven years of age respectively; and Arthur, who was born on the 18th of March, 1909, and died on the 21st of December, 1910. All of the living children are students in district school No. 9, Warren township.

Mr. Fraser gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Brookfield.

His wife is a faithful member of the Episcopal church at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser enjoy in large measure the confidence and esteem of those with whom they have come in contact, and the hospitality of their pleasant home is fully enjoyed by their many friends.

FRASER, Walter A., b. 1870, s.
of Donald and Martha (Coulson)
Fraser. The mother b. near Co-
lumbus, O., the father b. 1831 in
Scotland. Came to Ia. in 1856.
Served in the Civil war.

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