

Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, numbers among its native sons many substantial and progressive farmers and stock-raisers who through their own efforts and industry are meeting with gratifying success.

This number includes J. W. Frizzell, whose birth occurred on the 19th of January, 1865. The family which he represents were numbered among the early settlers of this district, his grandparents, Absalom and Harriett (Merri-man) Frizzell, being pioneers of Poweshiek county. Absalom Frizzell was born,

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reared and married in Maryland, later removing to Ohio, and thence came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, when this was yet a frontier district. In 1851 he purchased school land from the state, consisting of a half of section 16 and eighty acres of section 14, Bear Creek township, and in the fall of the following year took up his abode on that property, there residing throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away in 1885, at the venerable age of eighty-four years, his birth having occurred in the year 1801. In his family were four daughters and three sons, the daughters being Rachel, Ann, Elizabeth and Martha, all of whom lived to maturity and were married, the two eldest being now deceased. The sons are: Thomas, the father of our subject; James, of Washington; and John, of Boone, Iowa.

Thomas Frizzell was born in Maryland on the 15th of November, 1835, and when sixteen years of age came with his parents to Poweshiek county, where his remaining years were spent. He was a farmer by occupation and his efforts in that direction were most successful, becoming the owner of nine hundred acres of land in Poweshiek county, two hundred acres in Calhoun county, Iowa, and tracts in Dakota and Colorado. He engaged extensively in horse-raising, making a specialty of draft horses, and had many excellent specimens of that variety on his place. In the early days before the advent of the railroad he and his father had both earned their living by driving teams between Davenport and Omaha. He went to Rockford, Illinois, to buy his first breaking plow and helped to move the stock for the first store in Brooklyn. He married Miss Margaret Buchanan, who was born in Ohio in September, 1833, and came to Poweshiek county with her parents in the latter part of the '50s. She was a daughter of William and Isabelle Buchanan, both of whom passed away in this county. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1880 at the age of eighty-two years. Thomas Frizzell passed away in May, 1905, having long survived his wife, whose death occurred on the 17th of February, 1894. In their family were four children, of whom J. W., of this review, is the eldest. The others are as follows: Harriett, the wife of G. S. Maguire, of Calhoun county; Ada, who married G. W. Murrison, of Brooklyn; and Ella, the wife of J. W. Silcott, also of Brooklyn.

J. W. Frizzell has spent his entire life within the borders of Bear Creek township and here acquired his education. He took up agricultural pursuits as a life work upon attaining his majority, and the wisdom of his choice has since been manifest in the gratifying success which has come to him. His present farm, which consists of two hundred and forty acres of land on section 16, is a portion of the land purchased by his grandfather upon his arrival in Poweshiek county. It lies along the river and river road, about two miles west of Brooklyn, and is a valuable property, all of the improvements thereon having been introduced by Mr. Frizzell. Aside from general farming pursuits he engages in stock-raising, being a breeder of Shire horses, shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs. He now has on his place about fifty head of cattle, fifteen head of horses and one hundred head of hogs, all of high grade, and his efforts both as a farmer and stock-raiser have been most resultant.

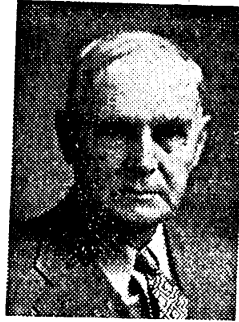
Mr. Frizzell was married, in 1892, to Miss June Sleggle, who was born in Bear Creek township on the 3d of February, 1871, a daughter of D. C. Sleggle.

Into this union have been born four children, as follows: WALTER LEE, FRIZZELL and RUTH. Mr. Frizzell is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed through all of the chairs, and in politics is a stalwart democrat. He is now serving his second term as township trustee and in this respect the public has had little need to regret their choice of a representative, for he has ever been guided by the highest and most public-spirited motives, seeking at all times the good of the community at large.

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lom was b. in Md. 1801. The father  
b. in Md. 1835 and in 1851 came  
with his parents to Pow. Co. Mar-  
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and Isabella Buchanan and her f.  
d. 1880 aged 82. POP 2 p 411

# J. W. Frizzell' Burial Here Rites To Be Held Today

Died at Grinnell  
Hospital Monday  
After Long Illness



J. W. Frizzell

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Last rites for J. W. Frizzell, 81, life-long resident of the Brooklyn community will be held in the Brooklyn Presbyterian church this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 with the Rev. M. A. Robeson, pastor of the church in charge. He will be assisted by the Rev. E. W. F. Holler. Miss Thursia Manatt will be at the organ and play a number of hymns.

Mr. Frizzell died at a Grinnell hospital Monday morning. He had been in ill health for some time. April 22

Interment will be in the Brooklyn I. O. O. F. cemetery. Members of the local I. O. O. F. lodge will attend the service in a body and conduct their burial ritual at the grave. Pallbearers will be: Frank Talbott, Earl Holley, Will Holley, Harry Bickford, Harley Burch, Roy Read.

The son of Thomas and Margaret Frizzell, John Wilford Frizzell was born Jan. 10, 1865, at Brooklyn. His death occurred at a Grinnell hospital April 22, 1946.

He was married to June Sleggel Feb. 17, 1892 and the couple made its home on a farm west of Brooklyn until moving to Brooklyn in 1915. Except for short intervals he had since made his home here.

Surviving are a son, Wayne Frizzell of Brooklyn; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Ritter of Grinnell and Mrs. Charles Reading of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. G. W. Murrison and Mrs. J. W. Silcott of Brooklyn; and six grandchildren, Fern Frizzell of Brooklyn, Carma Frizzell Householder of Montgomery, Alabama, Dennis and Rich