

JAMES W. FUDGE.

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The cultivation of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres engages the time and attention of James W. Fudge, who was born in Washington county, Virginia, on the 26th of April, 1839.

His parents were Jacob and Rebecca Jane (Seay) Fudge, also natives of Virginia. The father, who was a farmer, migrated to Iowa with his family in 1846, locating in the vicinity of Monroe, Jasper county, where he acquired a farm which he cultivated for some years. Here the mother passed away, but the father was living retired in Brownville, Nebraska, when his demise occurred in 1893. Mr. Fudge was a democrat and both he and his wife were affiliated with the Christian church, in the faith of which denomination they reared their family. Five children were born unto them in the following order: John T., who is a resident of Arkansas; James W., our subject; Mary Elizabeth, who is deceased; Ann Eliza, the widow of a Mr. Stinson, of Fort Custer, Montana; and Elvira Jane, the wife of Michael Markey, of Greenfield, Adair county, Iowa.

It was in the common schools of his native state that James W. Fudge received his introduction to the rudiments of the common branches, his education being continued in the district schools of Jasper county. When he had acquired such knowledge of the fundamental branches as was deemed essential to enable him to pursue his vocation, which he had elected should be that of agriculture, he laid aside his text-books and devoted his time and attention to the work of the homestead. From that period until he had attained his majority he worked on the farm under the direction and supervision of his father. In 1862 he responded to his country's call and enlisted as a private in Company E, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, where he served for three years. He saw much active service and participated in many notable battles, among the latter being the siege of Vicksburg, battle of Champion's Hill, Black River Bridge and Fort Gibson.

When he received his discharge he returned to Monroe, where he worked for a year at the carpenter trade. At the expiration of that period he went to Madison county, Iowa, and farmed for two years. In 1868 he came to Poweshiek county, locating in Sugar Creek township, where he bought one hundred acres of land in the cultivation and improvement of which he immediately engaged. Here he followed general farming with such success that it was possible for him to increase his holdings later by the addition of another eighty acres. Mr. Fudge is now living retired on the farm.

On the 20th of March, 1866, Mr. Fudge was united in marriage to Miss Ann Highlands, a daughter of William and Eleanor (Slane) Highlands. The father was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Virginia. In his early manhood Mr. Highlands, who was a farmer, migrated to Coles county, Illinois, where he met the lady who subsequently became his wife. Together with his wife and family he came to Iowa in 1843, settling in the vicinity of the present site of Monroe, having the distinction of being the first settler in Jasper county. He filed on a quarter section of land which he improved and cultivated until his demise; his wife also passed away on the homestead. In his political allegiance he was ever true to the principles of the democracy and served for seven years as a member of the board of supervisors. The church connection of both Mr. and Mrs. Highlands was that of the Presbyterian faith. Their family numbered six, five of whom survive, the order of birth being as follows: Thomas M., who is deceased; Ann, now Mrs. Fudge, who was born in Coles county, Illinois, on the 31st of October, 1839; Elizabeth, the widow of Daniel Mortimore, of Linden, Adair county, Iowa; James R., ofameda, California; Sarah Jane, the wife of Carry Roush, of Churdan, Greene county, Iowa; and John A., who is a resident of Grant county, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fudge have two daughters and two sons, namely: Vista, the eldest, and who is the wife of John P. Baker, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; John R., a resident of Hand county, South

kota, who is married and has three children, Ava, Elda and Gerald; Julia, who became the wife of Fred Robertson, of Havelock, Nebraska, and has three children, Mildred, Russell and Vera; and William T., a resident of Poweshiek county, and who is married and has four children, Ora, Arthur, and Lela.

FUDGE, James Warren, b. Washington Co., Va., 1839, s. of Jacob and Jane (Seay) Fudge of Va. The f. came to Ia. in 1846 and at first lived in Jasper Co. Later located in Sugar Cr. twp. Married Ann Highlands, dau. of Wm. and Eleanor (Slane) Highlands.

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FUDGE, James Warren, son of Jacob and Rebecca Fudge, d. July 3, 1923. Four children survive: Mrs. J. B. Baker, Lulia E. Robertson, John K. and N. T. Ob.

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**James W. Fudge Passes Away at the
Ripe Old Age of Eighty-four
Years.**

James Warren Fudge was born in Abingdon, Va., April 26th, 1839, and departed this life July 8, 1923, at the home of his son, W. T. Fudge, aged 84 years, 2 months and 11 days. He was the son of Jacob and Rebecca Fudge.

The family moved from Virginia when James was about 5 years old and settled on a farm near Monroe, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. They were among the early settlers of Jasper county, settling there in 1844. They knew what pioneering in a new country meant.

At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted in Company E of the 23rd Iowa, and served till the close of the war. He was honorably discharged in 1865, and when he came home the Rock Island railroad was finished only as far as Grinnell.

On March 20th, 1866, he was united in marriage to Ann Highland who preceded him to the Great Beyond nearly five years ago.

They lived for nearly two years in Madison county, Iowa, but in November, 1868, they moved to the farm which has been his home for 55 years.

To this union was born four children, Mrs. J. P. Baker of Searsboro, John R. of Ree Heights, South Dakota, Lullie E. Robertson of, Havelock, Nebraska, and W. T., of Searsboro.

He was the last of a family of five children.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday forenoon at 10:30, conducted by Rev. Mr. Loose of the M. E. church of New Sharon, who spoke from the text, Psalms 46-1: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble."

"The Home of the Soul," "Rock of Ages", and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" were rendered by a choir composed of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts, Mrs. A. B. and Mrs. H. R. Latham.

Burial was made in the New Sharon cemetery beside his wife, there to await the final Resurrection when all they that are in their graves shall hear the voice of God and come forth.

He leaves beside his four children 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father.

Those present at the funeral from a distance were Mr. John Highland and Mrs. Mortimore of Linden, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Woody of Reas-
oner.