

## MORTON MONROE GREGSON.

Although Poweshiek county owes much to settlers from other parts of the state and country for its high reputation as one of the richest agricultural sections of the Union, there are many young men assisting in its advancement who are natives of this county. Growing up under favorable conditions, they became highly efficient, and the effect of their application is to be seen in farms whose appearance to the traveler as he rides through the county is evidence of a high degree of prosperity.

Mr. Gregson of this review is a native son of Poweshiek county, and was born on a farm in Union township, February 23, 1871, his parents being Martin and Eliza (Carpenter) Gregson. The father was born in Morgan county, Indiana, July 11, 1832, and the mother in the same county April 11, 1841. He engaged in farming and also became a minister of the Baptist church. Arriving in Poweshiek county, Iowa, he located in Union township, where he purchased eighty acres of land, to which he made additions as his resources permitted until he became the owner of two hundred and thirty-four acres. After many years of effective labor on the farm and also in the pulpit he sold his place and moved to Searsboro. He is now living retired at Marshalltown. Mrs. Gregson was called from earthly scenes May 28, 1898. The father gives his support politically to the democratic party and served several terms as member of the school board. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masonic order. There were fourteen children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gregson, namely: America J., Theodore, Commodore and Florida Jane, all of whom are deceased; Mabel, who is the wife of William Pilgrim, of Grinnell; Dayton P., of Searsboro; Amos B., of Sugar Creek township; Morton M., the subject of this review; Eli M., who is living at Oskaloosa, Iowa; Leon L., of Marshalltown, Iowa; Nellie, the wife of Ray Butler, of Marshalltown; Sarah Alma, who married Frank Faulkenburg, of Montezuma; Clarence A., of Ames, Iowa, and George T., of Cedar Rapids.

Morton Monroe Gregson received his preliminary education in the district schools of Union township. He assisted upon the home farm until he arrived at the age of twenty-one years and then for seven years rented land on his own account in Washington township. In 1901 he purchased eighty acres and later acquired forty acres more, which he has developed into a beautiful place, having made many improvements, greatly enhancing its value. He is highly successful as a farmer, especially in raising and feeding stock for the market.

On the 24th of November, 1892, Mr. Gregson was married to Miss Dolly Viola Evans, who was born in Washington township, October 22, 1872, a daughter of James Daniel and Anna Eliza (Farmer) Evans. The parents were both born near Jamestown, Ohio, but were married in Poweshiek county, Iowa. Mr. Evans located in Washington township, where he engaged in farming for many years. He is now living retired with his wife upon the home place. He served faithfully for the Union in the Civil war for a period of four years as a private in the Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. In politics he adheres to the republican party and has served as township trustee. He holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and is also a consistent member of the Christian church.

Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gregson, namely: Velma Pearl, who was born September 20, 1893; Bertha Grace, born July 16, 1897, and who died December 30, 1909; Agnes Irene, born September 9, 1901; Ada Bernice, born January 16, 1904; and Helen Mabel, born August 19, 1906.

In politics Mr. Gregson supports the candidates and principles of the democratic party, but has never sought the honors of public office, save that of school director. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' lodge at Searsboro. He early made a choice of farming as his life work and gives his best thoughts and

energy to his calling, thereby meeting with the reward which always attends wisely directed application. As the head of a promising and happy family and engaged in a prosperous and successful business he may be designated as one of the fortunate citizens of Poweshiek county.