

GRUSH, WILLIAM—Druggist, Dresden, P. O. Deep River. Was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1829, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old, when he apprenticed himself to learn the trade of shoemaking, at which he worked one year. He then went to Buffalo, Illinois, where he found employment for one year. After this he was employed by the Illinois Central Railroad. After a short time he established himself at his trade in Eagle Point, Illinois, where he remained about six years, when, his health being impaired, he sold out and rented a farm, upon which he remained till April 21, 1867. He then came to Iowa, and purchased a farm of eighty acres near Dresden. After farming a few years he bought property in Dresden and again resumed his trade, until May 1, 1877, when he bought his present business. Mr. Grush has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Catharine Tennes, of Buffalo, Illinois, who bore him the following children: John J. (born March 23, 1855), Francis M. (born November 1, 1857), Chas. H. (born April 12, 1860; died July 26, 1875), Effie A. (born March 14, 1863), Cora D. (born

November 15, 1865) and William I. (born November 25, 1868). His first wife died December 20, 1871, and for his second wife he married Emma Clammer, of Mahaska county, September 19, 1872. The children by this marriage are as follows: Mary L. (born August 23, 1873), Lotta M. (born July 22, 1875; died January 26, 1879) and David R. (born May 19, 1878). Mr. Grush has served his township as constable for seven consecutive years.