

WILLIAM HALL.

A well developed and highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Pleasant township is the property of William Hall, who has spent his entire life in Poweshiek county. He was born on a farm three miles west of Montezuma, September 9, 1849, a son of Joseph and Nancy (Wright) Hall, the former born in Butler county, Ohio, and the latter in Pennsylvania, in November, 1810. They were married in Indiana, and from there made their way to Jefferson county, Iowa, in a prairie schooner about 1845. After one year spent in that locality, they came in 1846 to Poweshiek county. It was two years before the land on which they settled was placed on the market but when the time arrived the father entered one hundred and sixty acres and there made a home on the western frontier for himself and family. The place continued to be their home until 1885, when they crossed the line into Iowa county but after two or three years they located in New Sharon, Iowa, where the mother died in January, 1893, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. The father afterward made his home in Grinnell and there departed this life when he had reached the age of eighty years. Their family numbered ten children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who reached mature years were: Juliann, the widow of Henry Sharp, of Ollie, Iowa; Nancy, the wife of Jackson Gregson, of South Dakota; Mrs. Sarah Faircloth, deceased; Susan, the widow of John Bradbury, a resident of Des Moines; William, of this review; Joseph, deceased; and Hannah, the wife of Scott McCreedy, a resident of South Dakota.

William Hall has spent his entire life in Poweshiek county and has made farming his life work. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land, situated on section 23, Pleasant township. He gives much of his time to general farming but makes a specialty of small fruits and his knowledge of horticulture has brought him success in this venture.

Mr. Hall was married October 20, 1867, to Miss Mary A. McCoy, who was born in New Buffalo, Berrien county, Michigan, February 29, 1848, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Metz) McCoy. The parents were both natives of Ohio, the father born in Highland county, June 20, 1817, and the latter in Champaign county, December 20, 1819. They came to Poweshiek county in 1863 from Valparaiso, Indiana, and both died on the farm which is now the home of our subject, the father on the 17th of April, 1883, and the mother on the 16th of September, 1906. He was a prosperous farmer of this county for many years and a man highly respected by all who knew him. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy was celebrated on the 20th of April, 1846, and their union was blessed with three children but the eldest died in infancy, while the youngest, Hadden D., died June 18, 1883, leaving Mrs. Hall as the only survivor.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been born nine children: Nancy L., a resident of Des Moines; Rosa May, who died at the age of three years and ten months; Martha A., the wife of Henry Schneekloth, of Montezuma; Emma G., who died at the age of twenty months; Sarah L., the wife of Ed Palmer, of Valley Junction; Ethel Z., who died at the age of ten years; one who died in infancy; Frank, a resident of Jackson township; and Lila F., who is with her parents.

In his political views and affiliations Mr. Hall is a democrat, while his fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Brotherhood of America. He and his estimable wife are well known in their home locality and his reputation for fair and honorable dealing is surpassed by no man in the community.