

HILL, JONATHAN A.—Section 26, P. O. Deep River. His great-grandfather was born in Germany, and emigrated to America in the colonial days. His grandfather was born in Pennsylvania, and followed farming in his native State, where his father was born in 1757. His mother, whose maiden name was Martha Mary Farquhar, was born in Maryland on May 24, 1791, and died December 23, 1874, and was followed to the grave by her husband fifteen days afterward (January 8, 1875). Jonathan was born in Washington county, Maryland, April 21, 1826. Upon arriving at age he traveled to Ogle county, Illinois, where he worked at the mason business for six months, when he found employment at his trade of milling. After a varied experience in milling, he left Illinois and emigrated to Iowa, arriving in this county on the 14th of August, 1856, having previously purchased 170 acres of land. This improved and farmed until he moved to his present place in the fall of 1880. On the 9th of October, 1852, Mr. Hill led to the altar Miss Catharine Funk, of Ogle county, Illinois, who was born in Washington county, Maryland, in 1831, and died May 28, 1868, leaving seven children: Daniel M. (born July 23, 1853, now living in California), Barbara E. (born August 14, 1855, living in Illinois), Oslon V. (born February 7, 1857), Mary K. (born April 11, 1859, died August 14, 1879), Martha B. (born November 15, 1862), William S. (born March 20, 1865) and John H. (born October 5, 1867). Mr. Hill chose for his second wife Miss Bettie Woods, of Keokuk county, Iowa, who was born in Norwich, Connecticut, May 10, 1844. They were married in this county February 10, 1870. The children by this union are: Carrie O. (born January 30, 1872), Della M. (born May 5, 1874) and Elmer R. (born October 1, 1878); lost one, unnamed. Mr. Hill has held various township offices. He owned 400 acres of land, but from time to time has sold it all, except his present place consisting of 160 acres and 10 acres of timber.