

EDWIN GRANVIL LINSTED.

Edwin Granvil Linsted, who is engaged in the cultivation of the old family homestead in Sugar Creek township, was born in Gardner, Maine, on the 11th of April, 1855. He is a son of the late Alfred P. and Mary (Comstock) Linsted, the father a native of Boston and the mother of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The father, who was a papermaker by trade, worked in the mills of Gardner, Maine, until 1857. The year previous he had purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land from the government in Sugar Creek township, Pownall county, upon which he and his family settled in 1857. He immediately began improving his homestead, continuing its cultivation until a few years prior to his death, when he retired. The mother passed away on the 15th of April, 1892, but the father survived her until the 12th of August, 1900. Mr. Linsted always voted with the democratic party and he served his township in the capac-

ity of trustee and justice of the peace. He was also a member of the Grange and Mrs. Linsted affiliated with the United Brethren church. To them were born six children in the following order of birth: John, who is deceased; Sylvester, a resident of Sugar Creek township; Edwin Granvil, our subject; Anna M., who married Romain Northcutt, of Jasper county, Iowa; Alfred H., a resident of Sugar Creek township; and Harriet, the wife of William Lowry, of Sugar Creek township.

As he was only a lad of two years of age when his parents settled in Sugar Creek township Edwin Granvil Linsted has spent practically his entire life in the vicinity where he is now residing. His education was obtained in the district schools in the vicinity of the homestead, which he attended until it was considered that he had sufficient knowledge of the common branches to enable him to pursue his vocation. During his school days and after completing his studies he assisted in the cultivation of the home farm, remaining a member of the parental household until he was thirty years of age. In 1885 he purchased a farm in Sugar Creek township and began in life for himself. Later he bought the old family homestead of one hundred and forty acres. He has made quite extensive improvements in this property during the period of his ownership, having erected several new buildings. He follows general farming and is meeting with success, realizing very satisfactory returns from the sale of his crops. He is also a director of the Taintor Savings Bank, located at Taintor, Iowa.

In national and state elections Mr. Linsted gives his support to the men and measures of the democratic party, but in local affairs he always casts an independent ballot, voting for the men he deems best qualified for the offices. He has capably served his constituency in the capacity of assessor and township clerk, while for one term he filled the office of constable and acted as road supervisor for eight or ten years. Fraternally he affiliates with the Masonic order, being a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 227, Lynnville, Jasper county, Iowa. Mr. Linsted is one of the widely known and highly regarded men of the township, and counts among his close friends many of the comrades of his boyhood, which is a most favorable tribute to his character.

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