MACY, Wm. Born N. Car., 1786, s. of Benedict Macy, m. in N. Car. Phoebe Hiatt. The Macys of the U. S. all descended from Thos. Macy who left Scotland in 1600 and settled in Mass. They were Quakers. JPI p 709.
WILLIAM MACY, deceased, for many years a prominent citizen and prosperous agriculturist of Poweshiek County, Iowa, and a man of earnest character and sterling integrity, passed to his rest sincerely lamented by the entire community, who thoroughly appreciated his virtues and mourned his death as a public loss. Our subject was born in North Carolina in 1809, and grew up to maturity in his native State. He was second in a family of seven children born unto Benedict Macy and his wife. The sons and daughters who once gathered in the North Carolina homestead were Enoch, our subject, Henry, Nathan, Solomon, Jonathan and Anna. Later in life these brothers and sisters removed to Henry County, Ind. The Macys of the United States, many of whom have occupied high positions in naval, military and civil life, were all originally (in all probability) descended from one Thomas Macy, who settled in North Carolina and settled in Massachusetts, from which State he was at the time of the persecution of the Quakers obliged to flee with his wife to an open boat to Nantucket, Mary where he was arrested.

Our subject was married in North Carolina to Miss Rhoda Green, also of the Tar State, and together the newly-married couple moved into Indiana, where they settled in 1829. Fourteen children were born to them, of whom seven survived to years of maturity. The sons and daughters were reared in Indiana, and it was not until 1867 that William Macy located upon section 57, Poweshiek County, Iowa, and began the improvement of a farm of two hundred acres. He afterward owned a valuable quarter section of land near Grinnell. He was a Quaker, true to his religious convictions, and strictly adhered to the faith of his forefathers. His good wife was also a Quaker and a minister of that persuasion.

His descendants are now some of them members of various churches, and two or three of the number are preachers of the Word. Jason W. Macy, the fifth child, of our subject, was born in Henry County, Iowa, in 1827, and in his youth received a good education, and was there carefully trained by his parents for the responsibilities of life. In 1856 he was married in marriage with Miss Rhoda Green, by whom he had two children, Christiana, wife of William Proctor, of Jasper County, Iowa, and Volney W., now Principal of the High School of Afton, Ill., and a graduate of the Iowa College at Grinnell.

By his second wife, Miss Mary J. Gray, to whom he was married in 1869, Jason W. Macy has three children. Carrie B. is the wife of Cassius C. M. Mendenhall, the editor of the Signal of Grinnell; Lora W. and Cora B., yet at home, were educated at good schools, and the latter, a most accomplished young lady, is a successful teacher. Mr. Macy owns the old homestead of two hundred acres, formerly the property of his father, and which this son now prudently conducts, being numbered among the leading agriculturists of this part of the State. Politically Jason W. Macy is a staunch Republican, and an earnest supporter of the principles and platform of the party of reform. He is not connected with any religious denomina-