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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 1799, 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 left Scotland in 1600, and settled in Massachusetts, from which State he was at the time of

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, Ind., in 1827, and in his birthplace received a good education, and was there carefully trained by his parents for the responsibilities of life. In 1856 he was united in marriage with Miss Rhoda Green, by whom he had two children, Cynthia A., wife of William Howerton, of Jasper County, Iowa, and Volney W., now Principal of the High School of Astoria, Ill., and a graduate of the Iowa College at Grinnell.

By his second wife, Miss Mary J. Gray, to whom he was married in 1863, Jason W. Macy has three children. Carrie B. is the wife of Cassius C. M. C. 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 profitably conducts, being numbered among the leading agriculturists of this part of the State. Politically Jason W. Macy is a staunch Populist, and an earnest supporter of the principles and platform of the "party of reform." He is not connected with any religious denomina-

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the persecution of the Quakers, obliged to flee with his wife in an open boat to Nantucket, sixty miles across the channel.
Our subject was married in North Carolina to Miss Phoebe Hart, also of the Tar State, and together the newly-made husband and wife journeyed to their future home in Indiana, where they settled in 1820. Fourteen children clustered about their fireside, all of whom survived to years of maturity. The sons and daughters were reared in Indiana, and it was not until 1857 that William Macy located upon section 17, 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.

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