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WILLIAM R. MORRISON, carries on a farm of two hundred and fifteen acres on section 6, Pleasant Township, Poweshiek County. He is engaged in general farming, keeping the best grades of stock, and is successful as a business man. He was born in Greenbrier County, Va., in the spring of 1832 and grew to mature years near his birthplace. When he was quite a child his father removed to Allen County, Ohio, and in 1854 the family made a permanent location in Poweshiek County, Iowa, settling in the vicinity of Brooklyn. Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of eight children born to John and Margaret (Pendleton) Morrison. The father was a native of Greenbrier County, Va., where on arriving at man's estate he was married to a lady of that county. His father, Andrew Morrison, of an old Virginia family, was of Scotch extraction and was in service in the War of 1812. He was a member of the old Whig party and his sons followed in his footsteps in regard to political questions.

In the year 1859 William R. Morrison was married to Miss Catherine Barnes, this union being graced with four children, three of whom are still living, namely: Alonzo B., George W. and Willard Frank. Emma is deceased. In 1869 our subject was again married, Miss Mary A. Gross being the lady of his choice. Of their eight children three are deceased, namely: Fred, Mattie and Milton. Their living children are: John A., Nettie J., Samuel E., Charles W. and Reuben W. His oldest son, John, is interested with his father, and

is a rising young business man, one whom it is safe to prophesy will become one of the active and successful business men of the community. Three brothers of Mr. Morrison served in the War of the Rebellion, two of them, Jesse and Alexander, returning safely at the close of the war, but George is supposed to have been killed while on the Red River expedition. They were brave and valiant soldiers, ready to lay down their lives on the altar of their country, as thousands were obliged to do. In his political affiliations our subject is an ardent Republican and a truly worthy citizen.