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Wilson Sherman was born August 7, 1830, in Croydon, N. H., and died April 9th, 1900. In 1849 he removed with his parents to Hancock Co., Ill. He was married March 9th, 1854, to Sophonie A. Carter, who died in Nov. 1866, having buried her first born son, Edgar, three years before and, leaving three sons, Charles C., Albert M. and Edward M. Mr. Sherman's second marriage was Oct. 7th, 1867, to Louisa N. Morrison. At her death, July 17th, 1887, she left three sons, Arthur M., Wilbur W. and Frank M., having lost her only daughter, Edith a year before. On Oct. 7th, 1896, he was married to Mrs. Lucina Parsons, who with the six sons, survives him. Mr. Sherman lived six years in Illinois, when he moved to Clinton Co., Iowa, where he lived four years, and in 1859 moved to Chester, where he has since lived, having built his house on the present location forty years ago. Mr. Sherman made a profession of religion while living in Ill., was a member of the Cong'l. church of Lyons while living in Clinton Co., and was a charter member of the Cong'l church of Chester, his death leaving only six of the original sixteen members of the church now living. The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Congregational church in Chester. The pastor, Rev. James Rowe, conducted the short service at the house, and Prof. Parker preached the sermon at the church, taking his theme from the one hundred tenth Psalm. The only remaining brother and sister, Henry Sherman and Mrs. H. L. Wheelock, were present, also the six sons, Charles C. of Chicago, Dr. A. W. of Burlington, Dr. E. M. of Lincoln, Nebraska, Dr. A. M. of Grinnell, and Wilbur W. and Frank of Chester, who acted as pall bearers. Wilson Sherman has always been one of the most highly respected citizens of Chester township, always interested in all progressive movements, whether of church, school or state. The name of Sherman, like that of Hays, is indelibly linked with the early history of Chester, and to the thrift, honor and manly character of such as Wilson Sherman, is largely due the beauty and happiness that is always associated with a Chest