

Copeland, James Wayne

b Henry Co., Ind 1858, s of Wm & Jane (Rose)

m 1884, Clara Jane McCalla dau Josiah and Mary
(Watkins).

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JAMES WAYNE COPELAND.

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Agricultural pursuits have always engaged the attention of James Wayne Copeland, who has a fine homestead of one hundred and twenty-three and a half acres in Sugar Creek township. He was born in Henry county, Indiana, on the 19th of November, 1858, and is a son of William and Jane (Rose) Copeland, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Henry county, Indiana. When a lad Mr. Copeland migrated to Henry county, Indiana, from his native state with his father, Isam Copeland, and there pursued his education. For his vocation he chose farming which he followed in Indiana until 1864 when with his wife and family he came to Iowa. He purchased a farm in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, which he cultivated for about twenty years and then removed to Union township where he resided for seven years. Disposing of his interests he and his wife went to Lynnville, Jasper county, where they are now living retired. He votes with the republican party and the church affiliation of himself and wife is with the Society of Friends. Unto

them were born three children: James Wayne; Oscar P., who is living in Des Moines, Iowa; and Ruth Emma, the wife of Alvin James, of Lynnville, Iowa.

After the completion of the common school course of Poweshiek county James Wayne Copeland attended the Lynnville Academy for a few terms. His vacations and such times as he was not engaged in school work were very largely given to assisting with the duties of the homestead. After laying aside his books he gave his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits under the direction of his father until he was twenty-two. He then left the parental roof in order to begin working for himself. Three years thereafter he rented some land in Sugar Creek township which he cultivated for two years. In 1894 he purchased his present farm upon which he has wrought many improvements during the period of his occupancy. In connection with the tilling of his fields he also raises stock, making a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs and graded shorthorn cattle.

On the 10th of February, 1884, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Copeland and Miss Clara Jane McCalla, a daughter of Josiah and Mary (Watkins) McCalla, of Union township. The parents were both natives of Ohio, the mother having been born in the vicinity of Jamestown. In the early years of their married life they came to Poweshiek county, settling in Union township before the war. The father enlisted as a private during the Civil war and was killed in battle. The mother passed away in Union township on the 9th of May, 1888. Mr. McCalla was a republican in politics and both he and his wife held membership in the Christian church. Two children were born of their union: James, who is a resident of Sugar Creek township; and Clara Jane, now Mrs. Copeland, who was born in Union township on the 13th of November, 1861.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Copeland are identified with the Society of Friends, and he votes with the republicans. He is one of the widely known citizens of the township and by his honorable business transactions well merits the esteem and confidence reposed in him by his acquaintances.