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Abel Doty, who is one of the well known stockmen and agriculturists of Madison township, where he owns a fine farm, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, on the 17th of October, 1857, a son of Abner and Harriet (Havens) Doty. The father was born and reared in Canadaigua, New York, and was a son of Ebenezer Doty, also a native of the Empire state. The family is of English descent, the ancestors having come over in the Mayflower. The Doty family migrated to Ohio during the pioneer days and there they were living when gold was discovered in California. In 1849 Ebenezer Doty and four of his sons, Edward, Albert, Martin and Abner crossed the plains from Ohio to the Pacific coast in search of the precious ore. The father passed away in a western mining camp and after searching for five years in hopes of finding a rich vein of metal Abner Doty returned to Ohio to the farm. He engaged in agricultural pursuits in the Buckeye state until 1866, at which time he removed to Iowa, purchasing a quarter section of land in Iowa county, which he cultivated for seventeen years. Owing to the state of Mr. Doty's health, after the marriage of their son Abel the parents made their home with him and his wife during the remainder of their lives. The father passed away on the 7th of August, 1883, at the age of sixty-five years, but the mother survived until the 16th of February, 1910, her demise occurring at the age of ninety-two years.

The elementary education of Abel Doty was acquired in the district schools of Ohio, but after removing to Iowa he attended the public schools of Ladona until he had completed his preliminary course, following which he entered Iowa College at Grinnell where he studied for three years. Professor Parker was a member of the faculty at that time and one of the instructors of Mr. Doty. After completing his education Mr. Doty returned to the homestead and assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm until he had attained his majority. He left home in 1878 to begin his real life work and for three years thereafter farmed as a renter in Tama county, Iowa. At the end of that time he came to Poweshiek county, renting a farm west of Grinnell which he cultivated for a similar period. In 1884 he removed to Bear Creek township, near Brooklyn, where he resided for fifteen years, and in 1901 he came to Madison township. Here he purchased his present homestead, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres and upon which he has ever since lived.

His land, which lies on section 25, is fertile, thoroughly tilled and drained and in a high state of cultivation, with the exception of two acres which is planted in fruit trees. Mr. Doty takes great pride in his property and keeps

it and his improvements, all of which are substantially constructed and well fully repaired, in good condition, and the general appearance of the place creates a decidedly favorable impression. He breeds and raises a high grade of Shropshire sheep and cattle and registered Poland China hogs. Although he engages in general farming he feeds and ships stock to the Chicago market.

Mr. Doty was married at the age of twenty-one years, to Miss Laura Sheets, a daughter of John and Mary (Simpson) Sheets. The father, who was a farmer, migrated from Ohio to Iowa in 1865, locating in Iowa county, Iowa, subsequently settling in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county. In 1891 he went to Hastings, Nebraska, and both he and Mrs. Sheets made their home during the latter part of their lives with their son, Clement Sheets, who was a resident of that town. Mrs. Sheets passed away in April, 1892, but he survived her until 1909. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Doty have been born nine children, eight of whom are living, as follows: Ada, who married Rollin Smith, who was shot and killed at Chelsa, Iowa, during a bank robbery. He was marshal at that time and was shot by one of the robbers while on duty, dying five hours later. Of this union there was born one child, William, who is living with his mother. Later Mrs. Smith married Grant Ostrom, a farmer living near Hartwick, Jefferson county, Iowa, and they have had three children: Grace, Percy, and Rex, who is deceased; Forrest, a farmer of Bear Creek township, this county, who married Nola Tinker, a daughter of Edward Tinker, a resident of the same township, and who have one child, Martha; Gertrude, the wife of Gordon Roudelush, a farmer of Bear Creek township, and who have one child, John; Bertha, Ethel, Minnie, Cora and Glenn are all at home. Cora and Ethel are attending the high school at Brooklyn and Glenn goes to school in district No. 7, Madison township.

Mrs. Doty and the children are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Brooklyn, and Mr. Doty is a member of the Masonic fraternity of Brooklyn, while he and his wife belong to the Order of the Eastern Star of the same place. His ballot he casts in support of the candidates of the republican party and has served his township as trustee for two terms and as school director for many years. He is one of the energetic and capable agriculturists of Madison township who well merits the success which has rewarded his efforts.

Abel Doty Of Madison Twp. 6-28-1932 Passes Away

(From The Brooklyn Chronicle)

Abel Doty died last Thursday at his home in Madison township. Mr. Doty was in his 75th year and his death came suddenly.

He had long been one of the energetic and capable farmers of Madison township.

He was a kindly man in his family as well as everywhere else. A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Doty celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by their children and grandchildren, and many friends honored them on that day.

Of recent years it became necessary for Mr. and Mrs. Doty to assume the care of two small children of Glen Doty, after the death of the mother. The devotion of these children to their grandparents was equalled only by the grandparents' devotion to them.

Abel Doty, youngest son of Abner and Harriet Doty, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1857, and passed into the great beyond June 16, 1932.

In the summer of 1866, when he was a lad of nine years, the family moved to Iowa from Ohio, making the journey in covered wagons and settling on a farm at Ladora in Iowa county.

On Nov. 10, 1878, he was married to Laura Sheets, who survives him. This union was blessed with nine children, Mrs. Ada Carlsen, Forrest C., Mrs. Gertrude Roudabush, Mrs. Bertha Roudabush, Mrs. Minnie Wenger, all of Brooklyn; Robert dying in infancy, Mrs. Ethel Anderson of Des Moines, Mrs. Cora Johnston and Glenn also of Brooklyn.

Forty-five years ago he united with the Madison Christian church, later taking his membership to the Brooklyn M. E. church, of which he was a member at the time of his death.

In 1901 the family settled on a farm five miles north of Brooklyn where they still reside. Mr. Doty was an honest and upright man and a staunch friend in need, and a willing worker in the community in which he lived.

Mr. Doty was a member of the Masonic order of Brooklyn, also the Eastern Stars, and a member of the Royal Arch Masons of Malcom.

The Rev. Mr. Kight, an old friend for nearly forty years, who now resides in Des Moines, conducted the funeral, assisted by Rev. E. W. F. Holler, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The songs rendered in a most touching manner and the beautiful services of the Masonic order were altogether a most fitting close for a life like Abel Doty's.

He is the last of his own family, but five nieces and two nephews besides those mentioned before are left to mourn his loss. They are: Mrs. W. C. Jenkins, Grinnell; Mrs. Anna Johnson, Carleton, Mich.; R. F. Watson, Grinnell; Mrs. C. B. Irwin, Alma, Mich.; Mrs. Ida Skeels, Grinnell; Mrs. Hattie Dunlap, Boulder, Colo.; Will Case of Des Moines.

Those present from a distance included Mrs. Doty's only sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Booth, Carlisle; Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Booth, Carlisle; Mr. and Mrs. Ze Hutt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stewart, New Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jenkins, R. F. Watson, Mr. Hattie Keenan and daughter, Mr. Ella Case and son, Virgil, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Case, Grinnell; J. V. Slaymaker and son, Forrest, M. and Mrs. Alva Slaymaker and daughter, Edith, Mrs. Don Storkton, Mrs. Owen Slaymaker, M. and Mrs. Chas. Hawkins and son, Clarence, Mrs. Laura Holipete and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lutz, Ladora, and Miss Mildred Tenant.