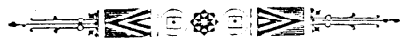


FRASER, John Farmer, s. of
Duncan and Mary (McIntosh)
Fraser and gr. s. of John Fraser.

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Annie Kent, dau. of Moses and
Ollie Kent b. Aug. 15, 1835.

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JOHN FRASER is one of the old settlers and agriculturists of Poweshiek County, in which portion of the State he located as early as November, 1855. In that year he purchased eighty acres at \$4 per acre in Madison Township and with this as a nucleus he advanced on the road to fortune. After bringing his farm under thorough cultivation, he added and improved two hundred acres, making a farm of two hundred and eighty acres in all, twenty of this being timberland. As he found he had more than he could manage to the best advantage, he has since disposed of a portion of his farm, and now has one of the usually accepted size, one hundred and sixty acres, which is situated on section 22, in Madison Township.

John Fraser, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer in Scotland, in which country our subject's parents, Duncan and Mary (McIntosh) Fraser, were also born. The former was a tailor by trade, and with his wife and five children emigrated to the United States, settling near Brooklyn, Iowa, in the year 1867. Soon after their arrival the faithful wife and mother was called to her final rest, dying in March, 1868, aged sixty-four years. After surviving his companion for many years, the father died July 30, 1882, aged seventy-nine.

Our subject is the eldest in a family of five children, the others being John; Catherine, Mrs. Amos Rogers; Donald; Mary, who became the wife of David Bowan; and Ann, wife of Robert McBean. After receiving a common-school education and working on his father's farm until reaching manhood, John Fraser, whose name heads this sketch, concluded he would come to the United States, as he believed great opportuni-

ties were here afforded to young men of ability and enterprise who wished to carve out a fortune. Accordingly, he bade adieu to the scenes and friends of his youth, and after a voyage of six weeks landed at Quebec, September 18, 1850. For six weeks he remained at Dodgeville, Wis., and then proceeded first to Whiteside County, Ill., and in Bureau County he worked for farmers by the month for about five years. During this time he managed, by strict economy and diligence, to lay by a goodly sum of money, and with this in 1855 came to Iowa, and, as previously stated, purchased in Madison Township a farm of eighty acres, this being the first land he had ever owned. In 1888, Mr. Fraser removed to Brooklyn and built a good residence in the place where he now resides. His success in business life has been marked from the first day he set foot on the shores of this favored land, and he has certainly never regretted his course in coming to the United States. On landing in Quebec, he found himself possessed of only \$100, and after working for a few years in Illinois he laid by an amount which has proved the nest-egg of his present fortune.

The brothers and sisters of Mr. Fraser are now residents of the United States. One sister, Catherine, died in Madison Township; Daniel, who resides in Woodbury County, Iowa, served in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry; Mary is a resident of Council Bluffs; and Ann lives in Bear Creek Township. September 22, 1859, Mr. Fraser was married to Miss Annie Kent, who was born in Putnam County, Ind., and who is the daughter of Moses and Ollie Kent. The parents removed from New England to the Empire State at an early day and to Indiana about the year 1854. There Mr. Kent entered, purchased and improved property to the amount of three hundred acres. Mrs. Fraser, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church, as is also our subject, was called to her final home January 25, 1892. She was born August 15, 1835, and was a lady who possessed scores of friends in this locality, who deeply regret her loss. Mr. Fraser is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in regard to politics is a Republican, having cast his first vote for the martyred President, Abraham Lincoln. He is

greatly respected in this locality, where he has made his home for so many years and where his worthy qualities are thoroughly known. Believing in his trustworthiness and ability, his fellow-citizens have called upon him at various times to fill township offices, and while serving in such positions he proved himself entirely worthy of the confidence reposed in him.