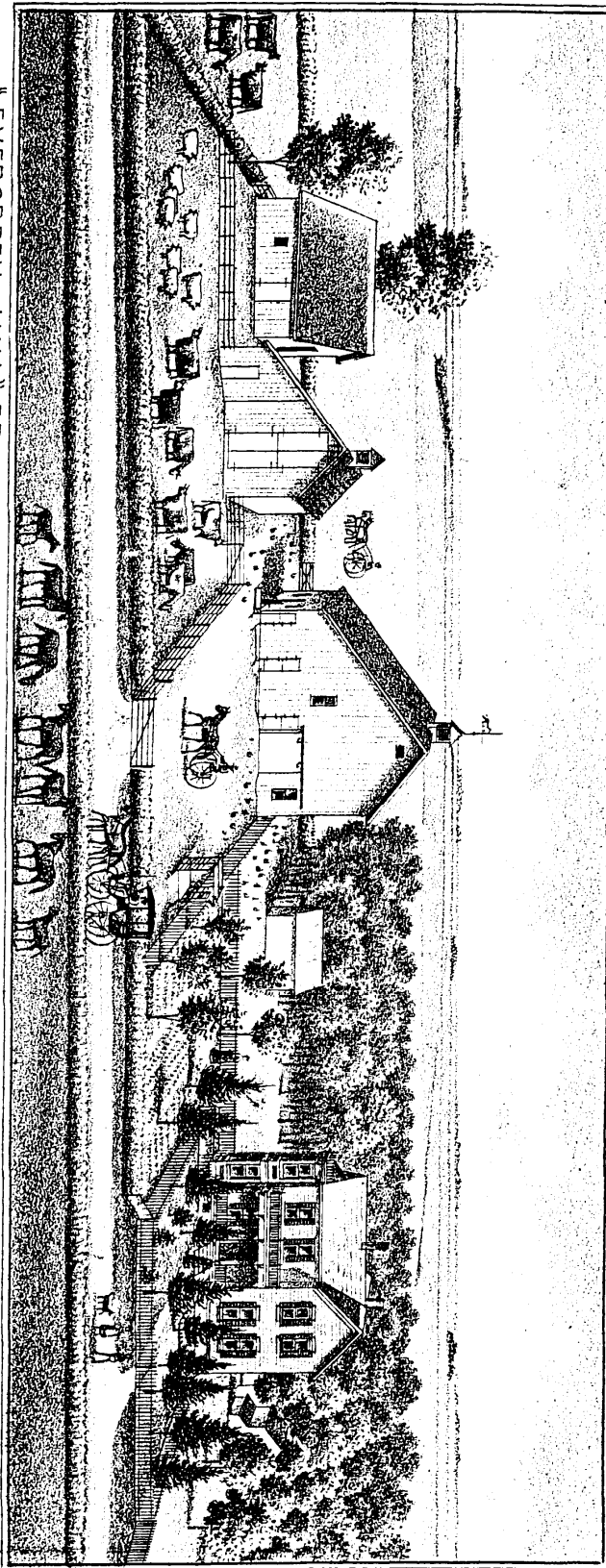


CORNELIUS GOODALE is one of the early settlers and prosperous agriculturists of Poweshiek County, residing on section 4, Bear Creek Township. He has resided on his present farm since February, 1865, and though at one time he possessed two hundred and eighty acres, he has sold off a portion but still owns one hundred and eighty acres, which he has greatly improved and has erected substantial buildings upon. His first purchase in this county was a tract of one hundred acres, for which he paid only \$1 an acre. He was one of the first settlers in this immediate part and has been thoroughly identified with its interests. Mr. Goodale makes a specialty of breeding Shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs, having paid as high as \$10 for one of the latter. He is truly the architect of his own fortunes and has succeeded beyond what he formerly dared to hope.

Our subject was born August 9, 1831, in Martinsburg, Lewis County, N. Y., and is a son of David and Catherine (Shaffer) Goodale. The former was born on Long Island, and during the War of 1812 was in the American service. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in Lewis County, N. Y., since the late war, when about eighty years of age. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a Deacon for many years. His wife, who survived him only a few months, was the mother of nine children: Sallie, now Mrs. Timothy Fox, who lives in Jefferson County, N. Y.; Nancy, now deceased; Eliza, Mrs. Monroe Phillips, of Oswego County, N. Y.; Jonathan, in Butler County, Iowa; Stephen, in Dubuque County, Iowa; Nicholas, who served in the Civil War from New York State, and died in Butler

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County, Iowa; Harvey, who died at the age of nineteen; Cornelius and Mary Austin, of New York, who complete the family. The mother of these children was born in Holland.

Our subject passed his boyhood on a farm and received only a limited education, attending school when his services were not needed on the farm. He is, therefore, largely self-educated and deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in that direction. When only fourteen he left his father's home, working in a sawmill for about five years, after which he engaged in carpenter's and joiner's work for the succeeding six years. In 1855 he went to Illinois, where he followed his trade for two years, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, a place of forty acres being his first purchase.

Mr. Goodale has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary A., daughter of Smith and Anna (Paddock) Lamphere, of New York. The father was a leading farmer in that State, and about the year 1849 emigrated to Whiteside County, Ill., where both he and his wife departed this life. They were both devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In March, 1877, Mrs. Goodale died at the age of forty-one years. She left four children: Linus; Emma, who was the wife of John Robson, and died February 28, 1890, leaving two children: Clark, who died at nineteen years of age; and Frank. December 5, 1878, Jennie, widow of John M. Gillis, became the wife of our subject. She was born in Fulton County, Pa., and is a daughter of Alexander and Eliza (Davis) Riche-son. The father emigrated from Ireland when eighteen years of age and passed the remainder of his life on his farm in Fulton County, Pa. His death occurred January 16, 1865, and that of his wife October 25, 1876. They were the parents of ten children, three of whom, John, William and Andrew C., served in the war, the latter dying at Washington from a wound received at the battle of Gettysburg. Mrs. Goodale had four children by her first marriage: Eliza J., John M., David A., and one who died in infancy. To our subject and wife has been born a son, Jay, and they also have an adopted son, Harry. The parents are members of the Episcopal Church, and politically Mr. Good-

ale is an active Republican. He is a member of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and is held in the highest respect by all who have been fortunate enough to make his acquaintance.