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GORDIN, RICHARD A.—Hotel-keeper, Searsboro, Iowa. Born in

Fountain county, Indiana, on the 16th day of September, 1834, from where his parents removed, while he was quite young, to Clark county, Ohio, where they remained until he was sixteen years of age, when they removed to Orgrune county, Ohio, where they lived about seven years, and removed to Iowa, settling in Pleasant township, in this county, in the fall of 1857. After living in Iowa about one year he went back to Ohio and was there at the breaking out of the war, where he engaged in buying horses for the government until 1863, when he again came to Iowa and settled in this county. Since his last removal to Iowa he has been constantly engaged in buying stock, and serving as deputy sheriff of the county. In the year 1878 he became a hotel-keeper, starting in the Montezuma House, in Montezuma, which he continued to conduct for about one year, and then returned to this place and took charge of the Central House, where he still is mine host. "Dick" is quite a success, full of sport, and always accommodating. Mrs. G. is also a good landlady, always prompt and good-natured. He was married on the 16th day of November, 1853, to Miss Mary Sheely, who is still living, and by whom he had four children: Samuel E., Jerry J., Clark W. and Emma E. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.