

when on their journey to America. When about ten years old he went to Dutchess County, residing with an uncle, his mother's brother, who gave him a good education. At the age of eighteen he began at the trade of carpentering, being bound out for his board and clothes, in addition to which he received a shilling a day for three years. Then having become master of the trade, he located in Columbia County, where he married Eva Sheffer, and soon after purchased a farm in that county. He was frugal and industrious and by these means accumulated a place of three hundred and twenty acres just south of Hudson. In 1852 he sold that farm and purchased one of about twelve hundred acres in Woodstock Township, Ulster County, where he died in 1863, aged about eighty-three years. His wife died some ten years earlier. He was again married, in 1857, when Miss Eva Shiek became his wife. Of his first union he had three children: Hannah, Jacob and Mary. The father was a Democrat, and was a member of and Deacon in the Dutch Reformed Church and was very active and successful in business.

The father of our subject was born in German-town, Columbia County, N. Y., August 10, 1810, and always made his home with his father. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning a part of the old homestead. He died in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, though earlier in life he was a member of the Reformed Church. His death occurred April 6, 1883, and that of his wife August 31, 1892. She was born in Columbia County about the year 1816, and was a daughter of John Plass, a native of that State and a blacksmith by trade. He was a Democrat in politics, a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, and reared a family of five sons and five daughters. The third son, John, married Elizabeth, a daughter of Dr. John Bennan, an eminent physician. Our subject is one in a family of ten children, the others being Charity, Jacob, Gertrude, Henry, Eva A., Frederick, Mary E., Sarah and John W. John W. died at the age of twenty-five, this being the first death in the family circle. Henry is also deceased, but the rest are living and doing well.

Emory Happy received a common-school education and removed to Ulster County, N. Y., with

his parents in 1852. He was brought up to the life of a farmer's lad and in 1862 concluded to try his fortunes further West. Arriving in Davenport June 25, he then spent the following year in Muscatine County. Subsequently he came to Brooklyn and did anything he could to gain a livelihood. Returning to Davenport after a time, he worked in the car-repair shops for four years and in the year 1869 took charge of the shops at Brooklyn. Since 1876, he has been engaged in agriculture. During the war he was twice rejected on account of physical disability.

Our subject was united in marriage October 16, 1850, to Julia A., daughter of Peter and Catherine (Hollenbeck) Palmatier, of Dutch descent. Mrs. Happy was born May 16, 1831, in Worcester, Otsego County, N. Y., where her father was an extensive farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Happy have been blessed with nine children: Emory, who died at the age of six and one-half years; Charles W., who also died when about the same age; Jacob, who is a resident of Seattle, Wash.; Melissa, who is the wife of John Higginbottom, of Colorado; Mary E., who lives in that State, and married Seman Peck; Willie, who died at the age of six years; Ettie, who died in infancy; Frank and Arthur, who complete the number. The mother, who died March 17, 1884, was a devoted member of the Dutch Reformed Church in her girlhood, but since 1851 both Mr. and Mrs. Happy have been active in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the organizers of Corinthian Lodge No. 174, A. F. & A. M., at Brooklyn, and was also a member of Hysop Chapter, R. A. M., of Malcom, Iowa. Though reared as a Democrat politically, he is independent, choosing to use his own discretion in depositing his ballot.