

GEORGE M. HOLLINGSWORTH.

It is a difficult task to offer a fitting memorial to the life and accomplishments of such a man as George M. Hollingsworth. Remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom and in his indomitable perseverance and his strong individuality, he was yet one whose entire life had not one esoteric phase, being an open scroll, inviting the closest scrutiny. A residence of forty-seven years in the county made him well and favorably known and his death, which occurred on the 8th of March, 1910, was therefore the occasion of deep sorrow to his many friends. He was born in Morrow county, Ohio, March 29, 1840, a son of Abner and Nancy (Coleman) Hollingsworth, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. They became residents of Ohio and reared to maturity four sons and three daughters. The mother died in the Buckeye state and the father passed away while on a visit to Iowa. They were prosperous farming people of Ohio.

George M. Hollingsworth was reared in the state of his nativity and there acquired his education in the common schools. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority and soon afterward, the Civil war having been inaugurated, he enlisted on the 2d of October, 1862, as a member of Company F, Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served at the front until August, 1863, when he was honorably discharged. He came to Iowa in the same year and here engaged in farming. However, he returned to Ohio for the winter but in the following spring (1864) came again to Poweshiek county, making the overland journey. He purchased forty acres of land in Deep River township, located one mile west of Deep River. A few years later he added to his original purchase an eighty acre tract, and later on another tract of forty acres, while by another purchase he added forty acres more, which then made him the possessor of two hundred acres. He improved his farm with good buildings and placed the fields under a high state of cultivation and on this farm property he spent many useful and prosperous years. In the later years of his life, however, he was in poor health and this led him to spend fifteen years in retirement in a pleasant home in Deep River. He retained possession of his farm, however, until just prior to his demise, when he disposed of the land.

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Mr. Hollingsworth was married, April 27, 1867, to Miss Fannie Correll, who was born in Connellsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1840, a daughter of William W. and Kosanna (Gearhart) Correll, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. In 1844, when the daughter was but four years of age, the parents came to Iowa, making the journey to Burlington by boat. During the voyage the boat on which they were passengers, was sunk but Mr. Correll and his family escaped. He was a mason by trade and during the winter of 1844 worked in and around Burlington at this occupation. His wife died in Louisa county, leaving three children. In 1851 the family came to Poweshiek county and the father bought a claim in Deep River township, which he improved and cultivated for many years. He was married a second time and by that marriage there were six children. He spent his last years with his daughters, Mrs. Icebice and Mrs. Hollingsworth, and died August 22, 1900, at the home of the latter in Deep River.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth were born seven children: Mary E., the wife of Edwin A. Flint, a resident of Deep River township; William Abner, who owns a claim near Haswell, Colorado, and is engaged in teaching school; Etta L., the wife of Rev. G. H. Hanawalt, who is a Methodist Episcopal minister now located in New Sharon, Iowa; Lloyd, a resident of Deep River township; George Roy and Rolla Francis, twins, the former an electrician of Chicago, and the latter residing on a fruit ranch in Montana and also installing electrical plants, being an electrician; and James, who owns a small farm in Deep River township and is also a carrier on the rural delivery route.

Mrs. Hollingsworth engaged in teaching for several years prior to her marriage, receiving her first certificate from Professor L. F. Parker, who is editor of the historical volume of this work. She began earning her livelihood when only eleven years of age and later became one of the successful teachers of the county. She is better known today throughout the county as "Fannie

Correll" than she is by her married name. She is now one of the oldest settlers of Deep River, having lived here for sixty years.

Mr. Hollingsworth in early life voted the democratic ticket but in his later years supported the men and measures of the prohibition party. The only public positions he ever filled were school and road offices. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and for twenty-six years he was an elder in the church. In the last years of his life, owing to ill health, he was obliged to largely withdraw from activity in church and business affairs but he ever lived in harmony with his professions and one who knew him well said of him "he was an exemplary Christian." He enjoyed the companionship of his old comrades in the Civil war through his membership in the Grand Army post at Deep River. Quiet and unassuming in manner, he found his greatest social enjoyment at his own fireside in the companionship of his family and friends and it is there that his loss is most deeply felt.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE M. HOLLINGSWORTH

HOLLINGSWORTH, GEORGE M.—Section 7, P. O. Deep River. His father (Abner) was born in Pennsylvania in 1809; is a farmer in Morrow county, Ohio, where he settled in 1839. Here George was born March 29, 1840, and educated. He remained there until October 2, 1862, when he was drafted and placed in company F, of the Forty-third Ohio, receiving his discharge August 18, 1863. The following month he emigrated from his native place to Iowa, spending the first winter with his brother-in-law, and the next spring he rented a farm south of Dresden from George Cox, where he remained until the following December. He then returned to Ohio, where he remained until June, 1865, when he drove a team to this county again, after traveling twenty-one days. He then sold his team and 50 acres of unimproved prairie he had bought before leaving, and purchased 40 acres of his present place, to which he moved March 1, 1866. Mr. H. married April 27, 1867, Miss Frances Correll, of Deep River township, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1840. Their children are: Mary E. (born February 12, 1868), William A. (born March 31, 1869), Ettie L. (born December 18, 1870), Lloyd M. (born July 17, 1872), George Roy and Rolla Francis (twins, born May 11, 1877). Mr. H. owns 160 acres of well improved land.

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