

G. F. HYDE.

Twenty years ago G. F. Hyde arrived with his family in Poweshiek county and he has no reason to regret having taken up his permanent abode in this county, as he has been successful financially, being the owner of a well improved farm of eighty acres in section 34, Grinnell township. He has brought the fields under a state of rich fertility and made a number of substantial improvements, adding not only to the value, but to the appearance of the place as well.

He was born on a farm in Pleasant Valley township, Scott county, Iowa, March 13, 1849, and is a son of George J. and Julia (Rowe) Hyde, both of whom were natives of New York state. The father came to Scott county in 1837 and settled on government land. He was married in Scott county to Miss Julia Rowe and became the owner of a farm of three hundred and sixty acres. He died on the old homestead in 1905, the mother having been called away two years previously. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, six of whom are now living.

G. F. Hyde acquired his early education in the common schools of Scott county and as he grew up assisted in the work upon the home farm, remaining upon the home place for a number of years after reaching his majority. He came with his family to Poweshiek county March 5, 1891, and has ever since made his home in this county. He raises hay and grain, but devotes his attention especially to raising milch cows, for which he finds a ready market.

On the 25th of December, 1876, Mr. Hyde was married, in Scott county, to Miss Nannie Smith, a daughter of Amos Smith, of Pennsylvania. The father came to Iowa in 1864 and settled in Scott county. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, namely: Lottie, who married George Evans and lives in Grinnell township, being the mother of three children; Helen, who married C. L. Pilgrim, also of Grinnell township; Howard, who is now attending Grinnell College; and George, a student of the Grinnell high school.

Mr. Hyde takes the interest of an intelligent citizen in local, state and national politics and casts his vote in support of the democratic party. In religious belief he is a Baptist and holds membership in the church at Grinnell. He is a friend of education and a supporter of all measures seeking to make easier the burdens of the unfortunate and to spread the principles of truth and justice. In the conduct of his business he has met with a goodly measure of success and on account of his high character and genial qualities is greatly esteemed by all with whom he comes into contact, either in a business or social way.

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