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LEFFERT H. MILLS owns and operates a valuable farm south of Brooklyn on section 26, Deer Creek Township, Poweshiek County. For the past seven years he has made his home on this farm and is here engaged in breeding standard Hambletonian stock. He is an enterprising and working agriculturist, using the most approved modern methods in conducting his farm. He was born in Greenville, Mercer County, Pa., May 2, 1857, and is a son of James and Nancy A. (Clark) Mills.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Richard Mills, was a native of Pennsylvania and a son of James, who emigrated from Ireland. The former was a contractor on canals and railroads, was interested in the Erie & Pittsburgh Canal and also obtained contracts for various canals in Canada. Our subject's father, who was born in Fayette County, Pa., was a conductor on the Pittsburgh & Erie Canal for thirty years after it began operations. In 1878 he removed to Rock Island,

Ill., where he was employed as a cashier and book-keeper. November 27, 1892, he died while on a visit to his daughter at Wilton, Iowa, being then seventy-three years of age, as he was born September 27, 1819. He was a leading Mason and a representative business man. His wife died at Rock Island in the year 1885. Sue was the mother of six children, the eldest of whom, Clara, was accidentally killed at the age of four years by falling from a bridge to the tow path below. Edwin I. died at Rock Island in 1885; Henry H. resides at Smith Ferry, Pa.; Milton G. resides at Rock Island; and Leffert H., our subject, completes the family. The mother of these children was born at Girard, Erie County, Pa., and was a daughter of Leffert Hart, who in early life was an hotel-keeper and later engaged in farming. He was of German origin, though born in Massachusetts.

Mr. Mills, of this sketch, was reared in his native town, Greenville, Pa., and there received good educational privileges. In 1871 he removed to Rock Island, Ill., where his parents were making their home, and there he obtained a position as cook, remaining one year. For the same length of time he was next employed with a brother at Carlson Cliff, but returned to Rock Island in 1876, where he engaged as a salesman for his brother during the two years succeeding. At the expiration of this time he returned to the Keystone State and became book-keeper for William Patten, of Greenville, a wholesale and retail dry-goods merchant. In 1879 our subject again returned to Rock Island, where he resided for a few years, going in 1882 to Marquette, Iowa, where he clerked for the firm of Goldthwaite & Van Bockirk. In the fall of 1888 Mr. Mills came to Brooklyn, where his employer opened a store, and in June of the following year he embarked in the dry-goods business in this place, continuing successfully until 1896, when unfortunately the store and stock were burned. Since that time, as stated at the beginning of this sketch, our subject has turned his attention to farming, with the exception of one year when he engaged in the lime business at Wilton Junction.

Mr. Mills was married June 21, 1881, to Mrs. Frances, a widow of George B. Sherwood, and

daughter of Mr. Higginbottom, who, with his wife, emigrated from England about the year 1871, settling in Licking County, Ohio, where he engaged in his trade as a shoemaker and also farmed extensively. He was called from this life in 1892. He was twice married, by his first union having four children: Annie, John, Frances and Hattie. Mr. and Mrs. MILLS' union has been blessed with two bright little sons, Albert and George H., who are both attending school at Kendler Hall, in Davenport. Mr. Mills is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and deposits his ballot in favor of the nominees of the Republican party.