

JAMES E. MCINTIRE, one of the wealthy farmers of Montezuma Township, Poweshiek County, who owns and operates a farm on section 19, was born in Montgomery County, Ind., September 20, 1831, and is

a son of John and Jane (McMains) McIntire, who were both born near Lexington, Ky., the former in 1801, and the latter about 1811. The father was a son of Alexander and Margaret (Clark) McIntire, natives of Tennessee and Pennsylvania, respectively. Alexander McIntire was reared to manhood in Tennessee on a farm, and removed with his parents to Kentucky at a very early day, being among the first settlers on the site of the flourishing city of Lexington. In that State his marriage was celebrated, and there he engaged in farming, owning a large plantation and a number of slaves. He afterward removed to Montgomery County, Ind., where he was also among the first settlers, and where he engaged in farming for many years. His death occurred at the home of our subject's father about the year 1843, when he had attained the ripe age of eighty-seven years.

John McIntire was reared to manhood in Kentucky, his education being obtained in the common schools. Early inured to farm labor, he made that his occupation for many years. About the year 1827 he was married in Montgomery County, Ind., to the lady who afterward became the mother of our subject. Her father, James McMains, was a native of Ireland, and her mother bore the maiden name of Hadden. Mr. McIntire purchased land in Indiana, where he engaged in farming until removing to Iowa in 1849, making the journey overland with wagons and bringing his family and all earthly effects with him. He was possessed of considerable means and made a location in Montezuma Township, being one of the first to purchase land in Poweshiek County. He became the owner of four hundred acres, which were in one body, and probably owned a like amount in outside tracts. He erected the first hotel in Montezuma, and also built and ran for a short time the Stanley House. In 1856 he embarked in merchandising at that point, but had previously carried on large grist and saw mills, which were the first ones erected in the county. He continued in the milling business in various portions of the county until shortly before his death, when he retired, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former labors. He was an influential man in this and adjoining counties, and

was once chosen as one of the County Commissioners. Politically, he was a Jacksonian Democrat. His death occurred in 1896. He was a member of the Christian Church, to which his wife who died in 1870, also belonged. Their family comprised nine children, namely: Ann, wife of George Wasson; our subject, John; Margaret, Mrs. Hiram Taylor; Thomas; Perry; Sarah, deceased, formerly the wife of John Farnough; Elie; wife of Edward Shipley; and Robert.

When twenty years of age our subject started out to make his own way in the world, and for three years was engaged in teaching school in the State. He had received good school advantages in Waveland, Ind., and has always been a wide reader and an acute observer of men and affairs. He was only twenty years of age when his marriage with Miss Catherine Wollson was celebrated. She was only fourteen years old and a daughter of Gideon and Catherine (Wilson) Wollson. The former was born May 26, 1801, in Jefferson County, E. Tenn., and in early life removed to Indiana, eight years being Judge of the Courts at Indianapolis, to which position he was elected a second term, but refused to serve on account of poor health. In the spring of 1847 he came to Montezuma and entered the land which is now comprised in West Montezuma. The following year he removed to the old homestead, where he died October 3, 1879. He began merchandising in the village in 1849, and continued in that line until 1870, when he retired from active life. In 1857 he met with a severe loss, his buildings and entire stock of goods being destroyed by fire. He afterward built on the west side of the Court House and succeeded well in his business enterprises. To his children he gave \$25,000, and was also possessed of considerable real estate and money at the time of his death.

Soon after his marriage Mr. McIntire commenced managing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which had been given him by his father. His wife had been also generously dowered, receiving two hundred acres from her father. After spending five years upon his farm, removed to Montezuma, where for two years was occupied in running the mill belonging to

father. After a few years he returned to the farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself for thirty-one years, accumulating a valuable property and making many substantial improvements upon the same. In 1891 he retired from the arduous duties incident to carrying on a farm, and removing again to Montezuma, purchased the Roberts' property, on which he is now making his home.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntire are the parents of seven living children, two having been called from this life. The family record is as follows: Mary, who married Ellis Harrod; Katie, who died when nineteen years of age; John, whose death occurred at the age of sixteen years; Nancy E., now Mrs. Elmer Pimlott; Isaac, an attorney in Sheldon, Iowa; Sarah, Mrs. William Morrison; James, a minister in the Christian Church at Spencer, Iowa; May, a successful teacher; and Thomas, who is studying for the ministry in Oskaloosa College. Isaac, James and May were all graduates of Oskaloosa College, also graduating at the Theological Seminary in Lexington, Ky., and Isaac having been graduated from the Iowa City Law School. They have all received exceptional advantages and are numbered among the most prominent citizens in the places where they abide. Mr. and Mrs. McIntire are devoted members of the Christian Church of Montezuma, in which the former has been an Elder for many years. Politically, he is a strong Democrat.