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der him a very useful citizen. He is materially contributing to the wealth of the city by the able manner in which he is conducting his extensive business, and in public spirit and the loyal interest he manifests in the welfare of his adopted home he is in no whit behind his neighbors.



**S**QUIRE A. STOOKEY, a sturdy and substantial farmer of Trivoli Township, has attained a very prominent position among the members of his class in this vicinity.

His fine farm consists of one hundred acres on section 27, all tillable except twenty acres, and having a living spring in every field. It is particularly well adapted for stock-raising and for the cultivation of hay and grass, to which the good judgment of the owner has largely devoted it. The most of the improvements upon the place have been made by him; they include orchards, groves, tile drains, good fences, and a full line of farm buildings.

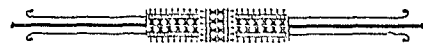
The ancestry of Mr. Stookey is detailed in the sketch of his brother, the Hon. D. B. Stookey, which occupies an appropriate place in this volume. The birth of our subject took place on the farm he now occupies, February 24, 1855, and here he was reared, having the advantage of attendance at good common schools until about seventeen years old. From the age of nine years he had been bearing such a share as his strength would permit in the labors of the estate, and when eighteen years old, he took charge of the home farm, which at that time consisted of one hundred and seventy acres. It was devoted to general farming, our subject remaining with his father, working for him and taking charge of everything until the death of his parent. He then rented the farm for two years, after which he bought one hundred and forty acres of it. Of this he subsequently sold forty acres to his brother-in-law, Mark Graham.

As before stated, Mr. Stookey has given much of his attention to the raising of stock, though crops are not neglected. The machinery used upon the estate is of the latest and most approved models, and every means is taken to insure large crops

of fine quality. The cattle raised are a good grade of Short-horns, and the swine are full-blooded Poland-Chinas. Two teams of draft horses are used in the work of the estate.

For so young a man, Mr. Stookey has certainly no reason to be dissatisfied with his financial success or the standing which he has secured in the community. The confidence of his fellow-citizens has been shown by his election to the office of Collector in 1885 and in 1889. He has also advanced their interests as School Trustee one term. He is a sturdy Democrat, whose ability has been made use of by sending him as a delegate to county conventions. Honorable in private life, peaceable and law-abiding as a citizen, and displaying much energy in whatsoever he undertakes, Mr. Stookey is looked upon with respect by all who know him.

On September 16, 1880, in Logan Township, Mr. Stookey was united in marriage with Miss Nellie S. Wilson, who was born in Trivoli Township, here received her education, and surrounded by good home influences, grew to womanhood. She is the daughter of John and Jane Wilson, early settlers, and occupants of a farm in this township. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Brunswick, possesses a consistent Christian character, and is an efficient helpmate and companion. The union between Mr. and Mrs. Stookey has resulted in the birth of four children—Edith L., Nelson A., Earl L. and an infant unnamed. Earl L. is the only one now living, the others having died in early infancy.



**P**ETER HASSELBACHER, who is now comfortably well off, and is the proprietor of a substantial, well-cultivated farm, pleasantly located on section 7, Rosefield Township, landed in this country more than three decades ago, with just \$1 in his pocket, and it is only by courage, persistent and faithful labor that he has attained his present position.

November 3, 1828, was the date of the birth of our subject in Herzogaurach, Bavaria, Germany. His parents were Leonard and Magdaline (Brittner)

Hasselbacher, who were also natives of the same place as their son. His father was a stonemason by occupation, and he and his wife were both devoted members of the Lutheran Church. They had four children, namely: John Peter, Eva, now Mrs. Lawrence Freehalld; Catherine, wife of John Thaeler; and John Michael.

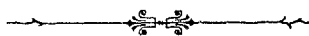
Our subject was the first of the family to come to the United States, and arrived here in the month of November, 1857, coming directly to this county. He lived one year with a brother-in-law, and in 1858 began his career as an independent farmer, purchasing in that year forty acres of timber land on section 7. This he cleared, placed under excellent cultivation, and greatly improved, and has since purchased forty acres, and now has a farm of eighty acres of as fertile and productive land as can be found in this neighborhood.

In his struggles in the pioneer life that he led here the first few years after he came to this county, Mr. Hasselbacher early won the assistance of a wife who is active and capable, and did her full share in bringing about their present comfortable circumstances. Their marriage was solemnized in the month of September, 1857, and to them have come four children: Ludwick; Catherine D., wife of William Aul; Mary; and Simon P., a resident of Yates City.

Mrs. Hasselbacher's maiden name was Eva M. Gundacker, and she was born in Linden, Bavaria, Germany. She is a daughter of Casper and Eva Magdaline (Steinmetz) Gundacker. They were the parents of seven children as follows: Barbara, who married and died, leaving a son and daughter; Margaret married and died, leaving a son and daughter; Kundegunda, who died in Germany, leaving one daughter who lives in New York City; Dorothea, who died in Buffalo, N. Y., and was the wife of Fred Brothers, and was the mother of three daughters; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Hamarbecher; John S., a resident of Germany; and Eva M.

Our subject and his wife are very worthy people, possessing in a large degree those pleasant attributes that make them desirable friends and neighbors. Their daily lives are guided by true Christian principles, and in them the Methodist Episcopal Church has two of its most efficient working mem-

bers. Our subject is a sturdy Republican in politics, and cast his first vote for Lincoln. He believes thoroughly in a sound education, and his children have received excellent school advantages.



AUSTIN H. GORDON, deceased, was formerly a well-known and influential farmer and stock-raiser of Kickapoo Township. He was a member of a pioneer family of this county, and himself did much pioneer work in improving one of the finest farms in the township where he located. He was born in North Carolina, April 22, 1812, a son of Samuel and Nancy (Herring) Gordon. His parents came to this county in 1840, and were among the early settlers of Radnor Township, where they died. Austin was one of the older members of the parental family. He was in the prime of a vigorous manhood when he accompanied his parents to this county, and here it was his good fortune to meet Miss Harriet Bouton, whom he persuaded to share his life and fortunes, and their marriage was duly solemnized in Jubilee Township, March 20, 1851.

Mrs. Gordon was born in Wayne Township, Knox County, Ohio, February 17, 1825, a daughter of Hiel and Maria (Peet) Bouton. Her father was a native of New York, and her mother of Connecticut, and after their marriage they first settled in the former State. They subsequently became pioneers of Knox County, Ohio, and later of Peoria County, this State, whither they had come in 1837. They were among the original settlers of Jubilee Township, where the remainder of their lives were passed. They were the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, Mrs. Gordon being their sixth child in order of birth. She was twelve years old when she came to this county with her parents, and was reared to a useful womanhood in Jubilee Township.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gordon began their wedded life in Radnor Township, and lived there until 1858, when they settled on section 2, Kickapoo Township. Here in the course of a busy life he developed a valuable farm, which is amply

Ward W. Farmer, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Charles H. Swain, F. O. Rosefield.  
 George O. B. Swain, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Greenwood H. Swain, F. O. Rosefield.

**GRUNDY JAMES**, farmer and coal dealer, F. O. Trivoli. Was born in Laneshire, Eng., March 10, 1830; came to the United States in 1852; stopped in Fall River, Mass., one year, thence came to Illinois. Married Miss Margaret Bowen, who was born in England in 1837. Six children have been born to them—Richard, Henry, Edward, Thomas, Elizabeth and Margaret. Has eighty acres of land, valued at \$2,000; has a coal bank with a vein of 4½ feet. Enlisted in 1861 I. V. L. Co. G. Was in the battles of Magnolia Hills, Siege of Vicksburg, Arkansas Post, Champion Hills, Jackson, Miss., Guntown, Tenn., and Mobile. Was in every battle of the company, and was always found at his post.

Hanselbacher L. Jagger, F. O. Trivoli.  
 Norman Jay Jagger, F. O. Rosefield.  
 George D. Jagger, F. O. Rosefield Station.  
 Myrtle W. J. Jagger, F. O. Rosefield Station.

**HANSELBACHER JOHN PETER**, farmer, Sec. 7, F. O. Rosefield. Was born in Bavaria, Germany, Nov. 17, 1825, where he received his early education. Married Miss Eva Gundaber. She was born in same place, March 7, 1826. They have four children—Ludwig, Catharine D., Mary I., and Simon P. Emigrated from Germany to the United States, Nov. 27, 1857; came on sailing vessel; was forty-eight days in making the trip; arrived in Peoria Co., Dec. 4, where he has remained since. Has eighty acres of land, valued at \$3,000. They are members of the M. E. Church, of Oak Hill. Mr. H. has held the office of school trustee and other local offices.

Heater F. Jagger, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Herb Ann Jagger, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Lieb Mary, Oak Hill, F. O. Rosefield.

**HOLT THOMAS**, farmer, Sec. 20, F. O. Rosefield. Was born in Dorsetshire, England, April 20, 1823. Came to the United States in 1854, and arrived in Peoria June 16, of the same year. In the Spring of 1855 came on the farm where he now lives. Married Susanna Hitcher; she was born in the same place in 1826. Six living children compose their family, viz: James, Benjamin L., Thomas H., Mary E., Lawrence C., Florence E. Mr. and Mrs. H. are members of the M. E. Church. Has 175 acres of land, valued at \$5,000. When he arrived in Peoria county had only one 3-franc piece in his pocket. On Nov. 12, 1866, was burned out, and lost \$700, which was a big loss for him at that time.

Hellen H. Farmer, F. O. Rosefield Station.  
 Hamiltons Jagger, Rosefield, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Harriett Ann Jagger, F. O. Rosefield.  
 John Daniel Jagger, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Katherine Jagger, F. O. Rosefield.

**KELLOGG W. R.**, farmer, Sec. 19, F. O. Rosefield, is the son of Philo and Sally A. Kellogg; father native of New York; mother of Connecticut. Was born in Westchester, Conn., Aug. 4, 1827. Came to

Peoria county in 1844, and located in Brimfield township, where he followed farming. Married Miss Cecilia P. Moore, who was born in Soberia county, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1828. Their marriage resulted in three children—Clarence W., Eva C. and Lena May. Are members of the Congregational Church. In 1856 Mr. K. settled on the place where he now lives. Has 240 acres of land, eighty acres under good cultivation, and valued at \$5,000, and 160 acres valued at \$2,500. Has held several local offices. Mr. K. is a relative of Judge Kellogg, of Canton, also of Pitt Kellogg, of Louisiana. In 1836 the father of the subject of this sketch came to this county and located 600 acres of land.

**KESSLER HENRY**, farmer, Sec. 4, F. O. Rosefield, was born in Germany, April 24, 1820, came to the U. S. in 1850, in a sailing vessel; was nine weeks making the trip; landed in New York. Thence went to Jefferson county, Mo., where he lived sixteen years. In 1866, came to this county, where he bought his present farm. Married Miss Elizabeth Black, born in Germany in 1826. Have four children: Henry E., George, Maggie and John. Are members of the M. E. Church. Their homestead consists of 115 acres of land under good cultivation, valued at \$6,000. When Mr. K. came to this county he was very poor, but hard work has brought success.

**KING DANIEL**, farmer, Sec. 26, F. O. Edwards Station, was born in Peoria county, Ill., November 4, 1815, where he was brought up and educated. Married Miss Elizabeth Trigger, who was born in Peoria county, March 28, 1817; and is the mother of four children: Ebenezer, born October 30, 1817; Lemona, born December 10, 1824; Ella May, born April 3, 1826; Maud K., born July 13, 1829. Rents 160 acres of the homestead of his father. Enlisted in 1818 I. V. L., Company A., Captain H. H. Andrew; was in several lively skirmishes; mustered out at Columbus, Georgia.

Largest J. K. Barnes, F. O. Edwards Station.  
 Larkin F. Barnes, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Lawrence H. Barnes, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Louisa W. Barnes, F. O. Edwards Station.  
 Mary A. Barnes, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Margaret F. Barnes, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Melville H. Barnes, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Nicholas J. Barnes, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Oscar W. W. Barnes, F. O. Rosefield.  
 Nancy J. M. Barnes, F. O. Rosefield.

**MOODY JOHN S.**, retired farmer, F. O. Rosefield, son of James and Peggy (Richardson) Moody, natives of England. Father died at the age of seventy-six years, mother at the age of ninety-four, in England. Were the parents of eleven children, four of which are living. John S. was born in Yorkshire, England, December 20, 1809; came to the United States in 1842, and located on section 20, when the country was wild and the inhabitants scattering. Married Ann, daughter of James Metcalf; she was born in England, August 23, 1810, died January 15, 1869, having borne