

HISTORY OF
MARION COUNTY
IOWA
AND ITS PEOPLE

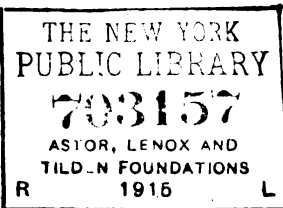
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director. His time and energies have been concentrated upon his farming interests and his home place today bears no resemblance to the claim upon which he settled more than six decades ago. He and his wife made the journey westward by wagon, oftentimes having to ford the streams. Many of the homes in this locality were log cabins and the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun. There was a spirit of helpfulness, however, that bound the early settlers closely together. They had many mutual interests and they were always willing to assist one another, while the spirit of hospitality reigned supreme. In the years which have come and gone Mr. and Mrs. Craig have enjoyed the friendship of all with whom they have come in contact and they are today numbered among the most highly esteemed and venerable couples of the county, sixty-five years having passed since they started out on life's journey together as man and wife.

EDWARD HARVEY.

No history of Marion county would be complete were there failure to make prominent reference to Edward Harvey, who is one of the self-made men and pioneer settlers of this part of the state. He was born in Fayette county, Ohio, on the 18th of March, 1831, a son of Washington and Sidney (Hinkle) Harvey, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. They became residents of Ohio at an early day and there the mother passed away in 1848. The father afterward married again and later removed to the west, settling in Marion county, Iowa, where he resided until his death, being accounted one of the leading and representative agriculturists of his community. He had a family of nine children, of whom Edward is the eldest and the only one now living.

Edward Harvey left home at the age of eighteen years and was employed at farm labor up to the time of his marriage, when he began farming on his own account in Ohio, there remaining for two years. In 1853 he arrived in Iowa and took up his abode upon the farm in Marion county whereon he now resides. He entered the land from the government. His first home was a log cabin covered with a clapboard roof, and there was a mud and stick chimney and a puncheon floor. The door had its latchstring, which usually hung on the outside—an indication of the hospitality which reigned among the pioneer settlers. After occupying that primitive home for a

number of years Edward Harvey built a frame residence and as time passed on he added many modern equipments and improvements to his farm. In tilling his fields he followed progressive methods, with the result that in the course of years he gathered abundant harvests. He also began raising stock and has long made it a special feature of his business, deriving therefrom a substantial annual income.

On the 9th of October, 1851, Mr. Harvey was united in marriage to Miss Sarah H. Chaney, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Solomon and Margaret (Lane) Chaney, who spent their last days in the Buckeye state. To this marriage were born four children: Thomas B.; Margaret A., now the widow of James Koons; Francis R. and Mary E., both now deceased. The mother passed away in the early '60s and was laid to rest in the Brackenridge cemetery. About 1864 Mr. Harvey was again married, his second union being with Miss Martha J. Rich, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Alexander and Rachel Rich, both of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey were born eight children: Eva J., the wife of G. A. Perry; George W.; J. E.; Ida M., the wife of James Loynachan; F. A.; Nettie E., the wife of William Loynachan; Henry W., deceased; and one other who has passed away. The mother of these children died in 1902 and her grave was also made in Brackenridge cemetery.

Mr. Harvey is still the owner of one hundred and forty acres of land on section 16, Clay township, and has made his farm one of the highly improved properties of the district. His fields have been brought to a high state of cultivation and he has secured the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate the work of cultivating and caring for the crops. When he took up his abode upon this farm he had but ten cents in his pocket. He worked until he could secure a few bushels of corn and he had some meal for bread. He traded his clock for two shoats and since that time he has always been able to have meat. In a word, he has led a most busy life and his earnest, persistent labor has been the means of bringing to him substantial prosperity. In his political views he is a republican but has never sought nor desired political office. He has served, however, as school director and trustee. Fraternally he is connected with Bellefontaine Lodge, No. 163, F. & A. M., in which he has filled some of the chairs, and he is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. For more than sixty-one years he has occupied the farm which is still his home and throughout the entire period has been accounted one of the leading farmers of Marion county. In all business affairs he

has been thoroughly reliable and in matters of citizenship has been progressive, and in the community where he has now remained for almost two-thirds of a century he is held in the highest esteem.

T. R. GREGORY.

T. R. Gregory, who has spent his entire life in Marion county and has carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, still resides upon his farm of two hundred and fifty acres on section 17, Clay township, but is now enjoying well earned retirement. His birth occurred in that township on the 6th of December, 1853, his parents being James T. and Harriet (Ridlen) Gregory, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They came to Iowa in 1846, the father entering a tract of land in Clay township, this county, whereon he built a log cabin which was his home for some years. In 1863 he removed to Knoxville, where both he and his wife passed away at the age of eighty-eight years and in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they were devoted members. To them was accorded the rare pleasure of celebrating their seventieth wedding anniversary, and eight of their thirteen children are yet living. James T. Gregory gave his political allegiance to the democracy.

T. R. Gregory acquired his education in the common schools and remained at home until past twenty-seven years of age or until the time of his marriage. Following that important event in his life he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and in 1905 purchased the farm on which he now resides and which embraces two hundred and fifty acres of valuable land on section 17, Clay township. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of prosperity and he is now living retired in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Gregory chose Miss Sarah S. Rose, a native of Marion county, Iowa, and a daughter of Richard and Matilda (Glenn) Rose, who were born in Kentucky and Illinois respectively. They came to Iowa in 1855 and located on a farm in this county which Mr. Rose secured with a Mexican land warrant, having served throughout the Mexican war. Both he and his wife remained on the property until called to their final rest. They had six children and five of the number survive. Mrs. Gregory, who taught school for some terms prior to her mar-