

some twenty-five members, among whom were the families of Andrew Smith, R. M. Hopkins, H. C. Hayes, S. W. Evans, William Russell, A. Brumhead and M. S. Sill. The edifice is about 30x45, plain, and cost about \$2,000. It is now the head of "Union" Circuit, and has a comfortable parsonage, costing \$1,000.

The names of those who were in this enterprise, and to whom the church is indebted for their nice buildings, were A. Smith, R. M. Hopkins, H. B. Downey, S. W. Evans, M. S. Sill, I. Smith, H. C. Hayes, F. M. Bowers and S. M. Beebe. The clergymen who have in turn served this church, are the Revs. Robert Pierce, John Lucock, Dr. Aldrige, Frank Smith, Mr. Ferris, Isaiah Giddings, J. Kern, Jacob Souders and J. W. Flowers. A Sabbath school, numbering about seventy-five, is maintained by R. M. Hopkins. The church numbers one hundred.

The "Free-Will" Baptists formed a society in 1868. Elder Thomas Blenden came here from Kentucky and held meetings in the schoolhouse, and organized a church of about twenty members, and built a large, plain edifice, about 28x36. The leading men in this enterprise were James Scott and H. P. Thompson. The organization is weak, and does not now maintain regular religious services. The church is used irregularly by other denominations.

A short notice of some of the larger and more successful farmers is appended:

John Fletcher, of English birth, has a splendid farm of 600 acres in Sections 19 and 20. He has good buildings, farms well, and carries about one hundred head of cattle.

Joshua Brown, who, besides the farm he lives on, owns other large farms, has 460 acres in Section 31. He was from Tazewell County. Has good house, barns, sheds, etc., attends closely to his business, keeps his fields neat and tidy. He carries about one hundred head of cattle.

Nathan J. Parr, who has lived here fifteen years, has half a section in Section 23, and eighty acres in Section 14. He has good farm-buildings, and is a good farmer.

William A. Golden, an early settler, farms about half a section, situated in Sections 1, 2 and 12. He has a substantial house and barn, and his farm is kept in excellent condition, and his buildings well cared for.

M. S. Sill had until last year what is generally considered one of the best and best appointed farms in Blue Mound. He sold it to Samuel Etnire, and moved to Normal. The farm consists of 240 acres in Section 8. The buildings are large and attractive, with good sheds, and all has an appearance of thrift and success.

Daniel Shay, an Irishman by birth, has recently put up a fine, modern house on his farm in Section 27. The farm is 160 acres, and is in excellent culture.

Leonard H. Bender came here from Pennsylvania in 1870. He has a fine farm of 200 acres in Section 22. The house is probably the largest in the town, and everything about it indicates care, thrift and good attention.

On the Mound in the northeast corner of Section 28, John Butler has good improvements surrounded by a good farm.

Zachariah Arnold has a good farm of 160 acres in Section 35, and his brother Thomas a like farm right in the center of Section 27. Both are considered excellent farmers and good citizens.

A. H. Conger, on Section 18, has a fine farm of 200 acres, with nice house, barn and out-buildings. Several others might be named. Indeed, a trip over the township

the subject of this sketch; and Dr. Henry G., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, a dentist, at the Soldiers Orphans Home, Normal, Ill.

Dr. Ferdinand C. McCormick attended the public schools of Normal and was graduated from the high school in 1895. His professional training was acquired in Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., and after his graduation there in 1899 he began to practice in Normal, where he has been very successful. With characteristic progressiveness Dr. McCormick was unable to rest upon what he already had acquired, and after four years took a post-graduate course in the medical department of the University of Michigan, graduating in the class of 1904.

At Belleville, Ill., on Oct. 2, 1901, Dr. McCormick was united in marriage with Miss Estelle Baker, who was born in St. Louis, Sept. 6, 1875, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker, the former a native of New Orleans, La., and the latter of Pennsylvania.

In politics Dr. McCormick is a Republican. He is variously connected with the professional and social life of the community and fraternally is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During the World War Dr. McCormick was a government examining physician and was stationed at Bloomington. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a citizen of high standard.

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Allen Brown, who lives retired at Normal, is the owner of 1,500 acres of well-improved land, and a member of one of McLean County's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He was born on a farm in Tazewell County, Ill., March 16, 1857, and is a son of Joshua and Julia A. (Cook) Brown.

Joshua Brown was born in Lancaster County, Pa., Aug. 11, 1809, the son of William and Rachael (Milner) Brown. The Brown family came to Illinois in 1828 and settled on a farm in Tazewell County, where they remained until 1867, at which time they moved to McLean County. Joshua Brown was a successful farmer of Blue Mound Township for many years and died in 1897 at Lafayette, Ind. His father was a member of the State Legislature in 1834. Julia A. (Cook) Brown was a native of Lancaster County, Pa., born in 1822, and she died in 1914. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, as follows: Allen, the subject of this

sketch; Milner, lives at Des Moines, Iowa; Charles, lives at Anchor, Ill.; and Susan, married Charles E. Welch, lives at Lafayette, Ind.

Allen Brown grew up on his father's farm and was educated in the public and high schools of Normal. He then engaged in farming on the home place which he inherited. He later purchased more land from time to time until he now owns 1,500 acres. Mr. Brown has been unusually successful in the feeding of stock and is well known throughout the county. He has lived at Normal since 1899, but still owns his farms.

In 1884 Mr. Brown was married the first time to Miss Anna Sutherland, a native of New York, and the daughter of Samuel Wilbur and Mary H. (Rider) Sutherland, natives of Chatham Center, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland were the parents of four children, as follows: Anna Brown; Edward W., lives at Bloomington; John C., lives at Chillicothe, Mo.; and Alice M. Brown. Mrs. Brown died in 1894, leaving four children, as follows: Florence, deceased; Edward S., a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township, McLean County; Clifford A., a farmer, lives at Anchor, Ill.; and Helen, at home. Mr. Brown was married the second time on Aug. 1, 1914, to Miss Alice M. Sutherland, a sister of his first wife. No children have been born to this union.

Mr. Brown is a Republican and a member of the Quaker Church. He is a progressive man and is held in high esteem throughout the county.

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Fred W. Goff, landscape gardener and police magistrate of Normal, is an enterprising and progressive citizen of McLean County. He was born at Danville, Ill., Feb. 22, 1879, and is the son of Henry W. and Lavinia (Arnett) Goff.

The Goff family came from Pennsylvania. Henry W. Goff was born at Towanda, Pa., and his wife was a native of Delaware Water Gap, Pa. They came to Illinois in 1877 and five years later settled at Normal, where Mr. Goff worked at his trade as blacksmith. He has served as justice of the peace for 16 years and now lives retired. His wife died in 1920. There were two children in the Goff family, as follows: William, supply and repair foreman for the Rue Motor Company at Normal; and Fred W., the subject of this sketch.

Fred W. Goff was educated in the public and high schools of Normal and has always been intensely interested in the nursery business. His

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 Carl Brame, Ellsworth, Infantry, Panama.  
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 Samuel M. Bramwell, Bloomington, Bugler, 68th Artillery, A. E. F.  
 Sereno Brazelton, Normal, Co. H, 48th Infantry.  
 Harold W. Brandon, Bellflower.  
 Vernon Bradford, Colfax, Infantry.  
 Fred Brandt, Bellflower, Infantry.  
 Sylvan Breese, Chenoa, Infantry, A. E. F.  
 Fremont M. Breidenbach, Cooksville, Infantry.  
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 William H. Breidenbach, Cooksville, Co. G, 144th Infantry, A. E. F.  
 Sergt. Edward Brennan, Bloomington, Aviation, Chanute Field.  
 Frank A. Brennan, Bloomington, Naval Machinist, U. S. S. Prometheus.  
 Patrick Brennan, Bloomington, Infantry.  
 William T. Brennan, Bloomington, Hospital Corps, A. E. F.  
 Sergt. Fred Brenning, Bloomington, Camp Stanley.  
 Howard A. Brent, Bloomington, Co. I, 370th Infantry, A. E. F.  
 Emerson W. Brewer, Bloomington, Q. M., Camp Grant.  
 Corp. Homer D. Bridges, Stanford, 149th D. A. Wounded in action.  
 Thomas Bringham, Bloomington, Wesleyan S. A. T. C.  
 Corp. John Bright, Normal, A. E. F.  
 Corp. William M. Bright, Bloomington, Q. M., Infantry, Medical Dept.  
 Donald Bringham, Bloomington, Infantry, A. E. F.  
 Lawrence Bringham, Bloomington, Infantry.  
 Sergt. Russell W. Bringham, Bloomington, Co. B, 124th M. G. Bat., A. E. F.  
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 Ralph Britton, Bloomington, 16th Photo Section, Aviation, A. E. F.  
 Corp. Chas. Broadhead, Bloomington, 341 S. T. Infantry, A. E. F.  
 Bugler Cecil Brooks, Chenoa, A. E. F.  
 Roy G. Brookshier, Bloomington, 13th Reg. Marines.  
 Sergt. Albert W. Brown, Chenoa, Infantry.  
 Bernard Brown, Colfax, Co. C, 2d Regiment Engineers, A. E. F.  
 Clifford Brown, Mt. Hope, Infantry.  
 Earl Brown, Lexington, 106th Engineers. Died at Le Havre, France.  
 Edgar M. Brown, Bloomington, 168th Machine Gun, A. E. F.  
 Edward S. Brown, Normal, Naval Reserve.  
 Bert Edward Brown, Bloomington, Bat. F, 2d F. A. R. D.  
 Edwin Brown, Mt. Hope, Infantry.  
 Ellis E. Brown, Bloomington, Co. H, 143rd Infantry.  
 Ephraim Brown, Randolph, Infantry.  
 Everett C. Brookshier, Bloomington, A. E. F.  
 Frank M. Brown, Bloomington, Infantry, A. E. F.  
 Howard C. Brown, Downs, Yeoman, Navy, Great Lakes.  
 James J. Brook, Saybrook, Infantry, Camp Grant.  
 Herman E. Brown, Colfax, Infantry.  
 John R. Brown, Bloomington, Infantry, A. E. F.  
 Joseph Brown, Colfax, Navy.  
 Milner Brown, Normal, Navy.  
 Peter J. Brown, Normal, Naval Aviation.  
 Richard Brown, Bloomington, 108th Infantry, 27th Division, A. E. F.  
 Rev. R. D. Brown, Leroy, Chaplain, Kelly Field.  
 R. E. Brown, Bloomington, Artillery.



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children — Benjamin, born Dec. 28, 1875, deceased; Samuel, born Jan. 6, 1877; and Emma, born Sept. 17, 1878. Is a Republican in politics.

*John C. Bowsby*, was born in 1799, in New Jersey; received a common school education; has followed the pursuit of farming; came to this county in 1868. Mr. Bowsby went, with 1,000 others, to Hockistown, under Colonel Williamson, to fight in the war of 1812. Has held numerous offices in his time. Mr. Bowsby gave his first vote to Thomas Jefferson; is a Democrat. Was married in 1819, to Ann Young; is the father of twelve children, eight of whom are now living. P. O., Green Valley.

*Charles H. Bowsby*. John, his father, and Ann (Young) Bowsby, his mother, were natives of N. J., where Charles H. was born Oct. 5, 1836. He received a common school education. He came to Tazewell county in May, 1850; has been Collector and now holds the office of Justice of the Peace; was married Nov. 14, 1869. Is the father of Melvin J., born Aug. 29, 1871; Lillie B., born April 7, 1873; Charles M., born July 26, 1874; Lewis T., born Oct. 11, 1876; Warren F., born Dec. 10, 1878. He belongs to the Methodist Church; is a Democrat; P. O., Green Valley.

*Daniel Brown*, farmer, sec. 35; P. O., Delavan. Mr. Brown is a native of this county; was born Nov. 1, 1829. William Brown and Rachel Milner Brown were his parents. The subject of this sketch received a common school education; has been School Director; was brought up in the Quaker Church; was married in Nov. 1859, to Ariette Lillie. They have two boys—Louis E., born March 30, 1862, and Daniel Jr., born Oct. 23, 1867. Mr. Brown is a Republican in politics.

*John T. Clemens* is a native of Indiana, where he was born July 29, 1830. His parents were Roger T. and Nancy (Higgins) Clemens. John T. received a common school education; has held the office of Justice of the Peace. He came to this county in the spring of 1852, and worked by the month; 12 years ago he bought his first land, a valuable piece of farm land on which he now resides. Mr. C. has driven from the Mackinaw to Decatur when there were but few houses on the way, and has passed over the site where the city of Lincoln now stands when there were no houses there; was married Aug. 20, 1854, to Tamzon Bowsby. They are the parents of Charles W., born May 30, 1855; Frank T., born May 7, 1857; Henry, born July 29, 1859; Jennie H., born Feb. 14, 1865; Minnie, born Dec. 14, 1868. He belongs to the Methodist Church, and is a Republican. P. O., Green Valley.

*Jeremiah Connell*, farmer, sec. 23, P. O., Delavan. Mr. Connell is a native of Ireland, where he was born Sept. 1, 1825. His parents, James and Mary (Welch) Connell, were natives of the same country. The subject of this sketch received a common school education in his native country. He, like many of his countrymen, thinking to better his condition, came to free America, locating in

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While it is questionable whether they have been of any material benefit to Bloomington, there is no doubt about the advantage which the country derives from them. They take the farmers' grain and stock, right at home, almost. They increase the value of land, since any one who wishes to farm can have ready means of transport for his products; and any one desiring a country residence, can have it with about all the conveniences of a suburban villa, and at a much smaller cost. These influences cause a thorough development of all the resources of the country. In contrast with the present facilities for shipping grain, Mr. Case mentions the fact that he has hauled wheat all the way to Chicago and sold it at 38 cents per bushel.

There are forty-one miles of authorized roads in the township, excluding twelve miles on the outside lines, kept in repair by other townships; these are generally kept in good condition. The prairie is sufficiently rolling to permit the drainage of all roads that need it. There is one iron bridge; it spans the Kickapoo. The old State road from the Big Grove to Peoria, crosses the township a short distance; it runs along the north line of the township a short distance; when near the southeast corner of Section 33, it turns obliquely north and west, through Sections 29, 30 and 32. There is another old road that follows no lines on its course; this is the road to Cheney's Grove from Bloomington. With the exception of these two roads, all follow section lines, most of which are regularly laid out as public thoroughfares.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWNSHIP.

With the other townships of McLean County, Old Town began her separate organized existence in 1858. It will be seen that some of the men who were elected at the first township election—April 6, 1858—are now officers of the township. The return made to the County Clerk in 1858 was as follows: Scammon Rodman, Supervisor; Lindley Hefling, Town Clerk; Samuel Noggle, Assessor; Frederic R. Cowden, Collector; John B. Chores, Overseer of the Poor; Chalkley Bell, Samuel Sunderland and Elihu Rogan, Commissioners of Highways; John Rowley and James A. Savidge, Justices of the Peace; Gilbert Tompkins and Samuel Mitchell, Constables. The present officers are: James Rayburn, Supervisor; J. M. Dooley, J. J. Cowden and J. Fleming, Commissioners of Highways; Jeremiah Whitcomb and J. D. Rowley, Justices of the Peace; Gilbert Tompkins, Constable; Scammon Rodman, Dennis McBarnes and Archibald Campbell, Town Trustees; J. M. Dooley, Town Treasurer; O. G. Dooley, Assessor; S. C. Fuller, Collector.

#### HOLDER

is a station on the La Fayette, Bloomington & Mississippi Railroad, on the east line of the township. It is on the prairie just north of the small stream that is the principal source of Kickapoo Creek. Holder was surveyed in October, 1871, by W. P. Anderson, County Surveyor. Charles W. Holder was the owner of the village, and had it surveyed. It comprised, at first, forty acres—twenty acres in Old Town and twenty in Padua. The portion in Padua was located in Section 18—ten acres in the northwest corner of the southwest quarter, and ten acres in the southwest corner of the northwest quarter; but this has been bought back and belongs to the adjoining farms. So, also, has the ten acres on the south, in Old Town. Ten acres is all that is left. This is the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 13. F. I. Bradley has been the station agent from the first. There was never a post office in the township until this

one was established here. Fleming Brothers keep a general country store. They also buy and ship grain. William P. Anderson is also a grain-dealer. More corn is shipped than anything else. There is a considerable shipment of hogs and cattle to Chicago by way of the Illinois Central. G. A. Rowley has blacksmith-shop. There are two churches. The history of these, may be found under the heading "Churches," in the general history of the township. There are but few dwellings in Holder, but it does an amount of business more than proportioned to its size.

#### GILLUM

is a flag-station on the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western Railway, in the southwestern corner of the township. It is on the section line between Sections 31 and 32, near the center from north to south.

#### LAWNDALE TOWNSHIP.

Township 25 north, Range 5 east of the Third Principal Meridian. Lawndale is a full Congressional township, but, owing to the fact that its northern tier of sections lay along the "correction line," they are, on an average, a half mile longer from north to south than the standard section, and it makes the township six by six and one-half miles. The name given it was by "natural selection," and was suggested from the topographical appearance when in a state of nature. An elevation which but for its continuous stretch would properly be called a mound, extends from the northwest corner of the township through it to the east center. From this ridge, the slope toward the northeast ends in almost a dead level, which stretches away for miles to Indian Grove in Livingston County. Toward the southwest the decline is more gentle and more undulating. Free from any break or unpleasant appearance, the early settler must have looked with real pleasure upon the slope stretching away to the Mackinaw Timber, to the extreme southwestern corner of the town, a scene not easily forgotten by one who viewed this beautiful nature's lawn, now thickly studded with houses, orchards, hedges and all the insignia of healthy cultivation, before a furrow was struck or anything to disturb the eye nearer than the curling smoke of three or four cabins along the stream in the distance. That such beautiful dales should lie open to settlement for twenty years after being brought into market, must ever remain to the younger ones who read these pages, in a great measure a mystery. Standing on this elevation, one cannot fail to partially realize the fear that hung over poor Maj. Darnall's mind on that desperate winter's trip from the Mackinaw to Indian Grove. With but slight help from a tropical imagination, one can almost see hope, fear and dread despair by turn taking possession of him, as his faithful horse flounders through the deep incrustated snow on that never-to-be-forgotten ten-miles trip. No military leader ever led an army on doubtful engagement more fully impressed with the magnitude of the responsibility of his every move than was Maj. Darnall on that lonely, trying ride to his snow-bound little family. For the first five miles, his way led gradually up the rise of land, the Indian Grove not being in sight until he had completed the first half. Hardly knowing whether he would ever see the trees which surrounded his home, he pressed on in the terrible snow until this height was gained, after which the way was more easy by the natural declivity of the land, but the difficulty largely increased by the fatigue

and educated in the common schools of the county. Since arriving at years of maturity he has always operated this farm until January, 1886, when he withdrew from active labors and moved his residence in town, as before indicated. The old homestead is still his property, and he has added eighty acres to it before retiring. On September 8, 1886, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Ella F. Stevens, a native of Adams County, Pa., who was born on April 1, 1858. Mrs. Brown is a daughter of Alexander and Sarah E. (Rice) Stevens, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, and her father, who was a tailor by trade, died in that State. Her mother, who is still living, married a second time, and moved to Illinois with her husband, J. T. Brown, in 1865. Four children resulted from the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, namely: Louis E., born January 22, 1888, a student at Brown's University College; Grace E., born August 25, 1889, also a student at that institution; Dora, born January 25, 1893; and Carl S., born September 6, 1896. Mr. Brown is a man of upright character, and has been a diligent and successful farmer, merited prosperity having rewarded his labors. In politics, he is a firm Republican. He and his wife are active workers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife being a member of the same denomination.

**BROWN, Joseph**, a careful, systematic and prosperous farmer in Randolph Township, McLean County, Ill., enjoys the well earned reputation of one of the most upright and useful members of the community. His career has been eminently creditable. Beginning as a poor lad, he made his own way by diligence, perseverance and industry, through his own unaided exertion, and possession of a snug competency. Mr. Brown was born in Macksburg, Washington County, Ohio, February 5, 1856. He is a son of Samuel Galt and Jane (Fowler) Brown, natives of Ohio, his father was born at Morrystown, August 1, 1812; and his mother in Morgan County, June 1, 1815. By occupation, Samuel Galt Brown was a farmer and packer of tobacco. In 1863 he was called into military service, being assigned to the 7th K., Seventy-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the camp of which regiment, at Nashville, Tenn., he died in 1865. Joseph received his education in the district school of Ohio and Illinois, and until he attained maturity worked for his mother on her farm in Randolph Township. During the earlier portion of his life, he was employed as a farm and stock raiser. In 1901 he purchased a farm of 1600 acres in the southwest portion of Randolph Township, where he has since carried on general farming, his labors being attended by well-succeeded.

At Heyworth, Ill., on September 12, 1893, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Mattie E. Brown, who was born in Heyworth, August 1, 1865. Mrs. Brown is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Bishop) Fulton, early settlers of Ran-

dolph Township, and for several years was a successful teacher in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of three children: Florine, Porter and Frederick L., all of whom attend the district school. In politics, Mr. Brown is a Republican, and has served as School Director of Randolph Township for several years. Fraternally, he is identified with the A. F. & A. M., K. of P., and B. P. O. E. He and his worthy wife are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Brown is considered one of the most successful farmers in his township. Starting as a renter on a farm of 220 acres, one-half mile west of Heyworth, in seven years he was the owner of the property. He was one of the first to pay \$100 an acre, which in a short time advanced to \$150 an acre. He attributed much of his success to the assistance and cooperation of his worthy wife, who has ever been his able assistant.

**BROWN, Joshua**.—The distinction conferred by nobility of character, usefulness of labor and wise generosity has rested upon the Brown family ever since its establishment in Illinois in 1828. A man of true insight and well defined purpose was William Brown, who, with his family, drove overland in a wagon from Lancaster County, Pa., during that year, and erected his rude habitation in a clearing of the Mackinaw timber of Tazewell County. Surrounded by dangers undreamed of by the prosperous landsman of today, hindered by limitations of equipment which seem almost incredible to the observer of the scientific methods and implements of the present, this tiller of primeval lands built strongly into the heart of an awakening civilization, and imbedded his name in the history of the fertile and bountiful Central West.

Joshua Brown, born in Lancaster County, Pa., August 11, 1809, was nineteen years old when he accompanied his father's family to Illinois in 1828. He helped to make the clearing in the timber, and was a most useful ally, but realizing that advantages of prairie land were much greater than those of the former, the family moved out upon the prairie during the summer of 1829, being one of the first to improve a farm in a region at first thought to be good only for grazing purposes. He was surrounded by all of the characteristics of the wilderness, engaged extensively in hunting and trapping, and knew little of the companionship of his kind during his first residence in the county. His first wife, Hannah Russel, died in 1835, leaving two living children, William and Marshall. In 1856 he married Julia A. Cook, and of this union there are four children: Allen, Milner, Charles and Susan. The family moved to Normal in 1866, and in 1874 to Blue Mound Township, McLean County, where Mr. Brown bought a tract of 460 acres. Soon after he sold his Tazewell County farm and bought more land in Blue Mound Township, eventually owning 1600 acres in Blue Mound and Anchor Townships. Previous to his death in November, 1897, he had divided this land among his children, the original old homestead,



in Section 31, Blue Mound Township, going to his son, Allen, one of the foremost farmers and wealthiest men of the township. The wife of Joshua Brown survives him, and though making her home for the most part with her daughter, in Lafayette, Ind., she spends a part of each summer on the old place in McLean County.

Allen Brown, eldest son of Joshua Brown by the latter's second marriage, was born at Delavan, Tazewell County, Ill., March 16, 1857, and was educated in the public schools of his native county, completing his training at the Normal School. In 1874, when seventeen years old, he came to the farm he now occupies, and thirty-three years continuous residence on the same place has made him the index of its splendidly prosperous and modern condition. As were his grandfather and father before him, he has been an untiring and enthusiastic worker, a firm believer in the dignity and usefulness of his calling, and an appreciator of the manifold blessings which reward the man who intelligently and hopefully collaborates with nature for the betterment of mankind. He is the owner of 860 acres of land, an agricultural kingdom yielding the best of the produce of the Central West, and having within its borders as complete an assortment of implements and improvements as are to be found anywhere in the State.

On January 21, 1884, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Anna V. Sutherland, who was born July 21, 1855, and died July 25, 1894. Mrs. Brown was a daughter of Samuel W. and Mary (Rider) Southerland, who came from Columbia County, N. Y., in 1856, and located eight miles east of Bloomington, near Benjaminville. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the parents of four children: Florence, deceased, born June 18, 1887; Edward S., born November 7, 1889; Clifford A., born November 25, 1891; and Helen, born June 9, 1894. Although in no sense a partisan, Mr. Brown staunchly supports the Republican party, at the same time refusing to enter the arena of political preferment. His religion is that of the Society of Friends. Mr. Brown is one of the well informed, progressive and far-sighted men of his community, in his home life a promoter of liberal ideas, education and happiness, and in general a courteous, generous, approachable and sincere gentleman.

**BROWN, Robert W. (deceased).**—A model farmer, and a citizen personifying a high order of integrity and serviceability, was lost to the community on which his life reflected lasting credit, when Robert W. Brown, of Fancy Creek Township, Sangamon County, Ill., passed away from the sphere of his earthly usefulness. Mr. Brown was born in Sangamon County, Ill., October 10, 1858. He was a son of Peter A. and Mary Ann (Halloway) Brown, natives of Pennsylvania, who settled in Sangamon County, Ill., in 1851, where the father carried on farming and where he died. At the time of his death he was the owner of 219 acres of land. Politically, he was identified with the Republican party. His

religious connection was with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife, who also died in Sangamon County, was a member. Their family consisted of thirteen children. Robert W. Brown lived on the home farm until he reached years of maturity, receiving his education in the schools of the vicinity. He continued farming throughout his life, at the end of which he had become possessed of 219 acres of land in Sangamon County. His death occurred April 26, 1894. A very diligent, thorough and persevering farmer, his labors were uniformly successful, and his acquisition of property was the result of hard work and provident methods. He was known to all the people of the township as a strictly honorable man, the embodiment of veracity and candor.

The marriage of Mr. Brown took place in Sangamon County, Ill., on March 25, 1885, on which date he wedded Susan E. Glasscock, who was born in Menard County, Ill., December 21, 1854. Mrs. Brown, who still survives her husband, resides in Bloomington, Ill., where she is an object of sincere respect on the part of all who know her. She is a daughter of Elias and Emel (Miller) Glasscock, who spent all their lives in Illinois. Her father was a well-known and prosperous farmer, a Democrat in politics, although of strict integrity, was not a member of any church. His wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Two children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brown: Grace M. and F. D., both of whom are living with their mother. Politically, Mr. Brown was an earnest Republican. He was an adherent of the Methodist faith, and Mrs. Brown, the children being members of Christian Church. By all who enjoyed his acquaintance, Mr. Brown was held in warm regard and his death was deeply mourned.

**BROWN, William T.**—It is typical of the American that he should be something more than a successful man of affairs. He must attain some serious business of life with a personal faithfulness which shall guarantee the support of those who have a just claim upon him, and should also give his over-plus of strength and ability to some higher work of morality or religion. This is the part of himself which he offers to society, and in contributing to its general advancement, he is also assisting to better the prospects of those who are nearest to him. The cultivation of temperance is certainly one whose influence is broad, and which closely and sadly intrudes upon many homes. It is practical, and one which has been taken up by some of the most substantial citizens of this county and every other section of the United States, but no one in Central Illinois stands higher in its promulgation than William T. Brown, the well known farmer and merchant of Chenoa. He has been a delegate to the National State conventions upon several occasions and represented the cause at the national convention held in Indianapolis, Ind., his judgment on this question, as in other practical matters