

arrived in Muscatine County on the 23d of April, 1856. He had purchased land on section 11, Wilton Township, in 1853, and in connection with his brother purchased the land on which they now live in 1857. But few improvements had been made on the land at the time of their purchase, only a part of it having been put under the plow. A small house had also been erected, but by the united efforts of the two brothers one of the finest farms in the county has been developed.

On the 12th of November, 1829, Ira Derby first saw the light of day, in Andover, Windsor Co., Vt. He was married in Illinois, in the town of Kirkwood, Aug. 20, 1857, becoming the husband of Miss Abbie Wilson, a native of Fredonia, Chautauqua County, N. Y., born Dec. 23, 1827, and a daughter of Leonard and Polly (Winegar) Wilson, the former born at Whitehall, N. Y., the latter at Ft. Ann, Washington Co., N. Y. From the Empire State the parents removed to Erie County, Pa., and from there to Lake County, Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their days. They were the parents of thirteen children. Of this union of Mr. and Mrs. Derby four children have been born, three sons and a daughter—Nathan W., Ida J., Eugene H. and Leonard.

The Derby brothers are numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of Muscatine County, and hold high rank with the leading farmers of the community.



EDWARD MOYLAN, a farmer residing on section 26, Goshen Township, is one of the early settlers of Muscatine County, who has aided in her development, and participated in the great changes which have placed her in the front rank among the counties of this great commonwealth. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1840, and was the second in a family of four children born to William and Margaret (Quirk) Moylan, also natives of the Emerald Isle. The father followed the occupation of farming almost throughout his entire life, and in 1847 emigrated to America, working for about two years in the Eastern States, after which he came to Muscatine

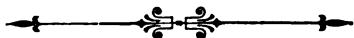
County, Iowa, and entered land. From the raw prairie he developed a fine farm, upon which he resided for several years. His death occurred on the 15th of January, 1862, in Linn County, Iowa, after a very short illness, at the age of forty-five. Mrs. Moylan, who was a most estimable lady, died in May, 1884, aged seventy-two years.

Edward was reared to manhood upon a farm, and received his education in the district schools of Iowa, to which he came when a lad. On the 12th of August, 1862, he enlisted in the service of his country at Muscatine for three years' service, and was assigned to Company E, 35th Iowa Infantry. He participated in all the engagements of the regiment, including the battles of Vicksburg, Tupelo, Yellow Bayou, the Red River campaign, Nashville, Spanish Fort, Mobile Bay, and at Jackson, Miss. He also did garrison duty for some time, and after three years of service was honorably discharged at Davenport, Aug. 10, 1865.

Returning to his home, Mr. Moylan engaged in farming, and in 1869 was united in marriage with Ann F. Fitzpatrick, the ceremony being performed in the month of January. The lady is a native of Cedar County, Iowa, and is a daughter of James and Mary (Fitzpatrick) Fitzpatrick, who were natives of Ireland, but who emigrated to this country previous to their marriage. They became residents of Cedar County at an early day, the death of the father there occurring in 1864. His wife survived him until 1878, when she too was called to her final home.

Seven children have been born of the union of Edward Moylan and Ann Fitzpatrick, and all are yet living—William J., Mary Helen, James, Margaret Theresa, John Francis, Bessie and Henry Albert. The young couple began their domestic life upon the old homestead, where they resided until 1881, when it was sold and a fine farm of 368 acres on section 26, Goshen Township, was purchased. Since that time improvements have been made, and the land placed under a high state of cultivation, transforming it into one of the best farms in the community. Mr. Moylan gives considerable attention to the raising of fine stock, making a specialty of breeding Short-horn cattle and Norman and Clydesdale horses. Politically he is a supporter of

the Democratic party, but has never been an office-seeker, preferring to give his attention exclusively to his business interests. He assisted in organizing Goshen Township, with whose history he has been identified continuously since, and also aided in the organization of the school districts. Socially, he is a member of Charles Michener Post No. 362, of Atalissa. An enterprising and progressive farmer, a loyal, true citizen, and an honorable, upright man, he is held in high regard by all who know him, and is well worthy of the esteem and confidence of all.



PHINEAS BUCKMAN, a general farmer and stock-raiser, residing on section 3, Goshen Township, and one of the early settlers of Muscatine County, was born in Anne Arundel County, Md., on the 2d of April, 1819. He is a son of Phineas and Catherine (Shreve) Buckman, the former a native of Pennsylvania, born of English parentage, the latter a native of Montgomery County, Md. Their wedding was celebrated in 1790, according to the rules of the Society of Friends, the marriage certificate being printed on parchment, and leaving space for all the names of the family. The father was born in 1760, and died in 1836, and the mother, who was born in 1765, departed this life in 1830. They were both members of the Society of Friends, and were the parents of five children, who grew to adult age, namely: Maria, who wedded Mohlan Gibson, but both are now deceased; Charles, who died in Cedar County, Iowa, in 1883, leaving a wife and five children; William Penn, who died in Baltimore, Md., in 1854; Phineas, of this sketch; and Thomas M., who is also deceased.

The Buckman family was founded in America, by ancestors who came to this country in company with William Penn. Accompanied by his wife and two daughters, Susan and Mary, William Buckman embarked in the sailing-vessel "Welcome," which landed in America in 1682, and to him the direct line of ancestry can be traced.

The boyhood days of our subject were spent in Baltimore County, Md., and his education was received in the common schools. At the age of six-

teen he learned the miller's trade, which occupation he followed for a livelihood until twenty-six years of age. He was united in marriage on the 7th of December, 1844, with Miss Cynthia Roberts, who was born in Baltimore County, Md., in December, 1817, and is a daughter of Jonathan and Wilhelmina (Bouzer) Roberts, who were natives of Pennsylvania. Both parents were members of the Society of Friends, and the father was a miller by trade. They were people highly respected in the community where they resided. The father died in 1840, and his wife departed this life in 1865.

After his marriage Mr. Buckman remained in Baltimore County, Md., until 1855, when, accompanied by his family, he emigrated to Muscatine County, where he purchased eighty acres of land on section 3, Goshen Township, where he has since continued to reside. At the time of his arrival the homes of the settlers were far apart, strolling bands of Indians were often seen in the neighborhood, deer were very numerous, and the prairie was covered with a thick wild grass, which, when dry, often caught fire, causing destruction to property and sometimes to life. In true pioneer style our subject passed the first years of his residence in this county, engaged principally in the cultivation of his lands. To his original purchase he added until his farm comprised 384 acres of land which was under a high state of cultivation, but as his children grew up and left the parental roof, the farm was divided, he giving to each a share. Charles E., the eldest child, who wedded Louisa Walters, resides on a fine farm of 172 acres, and his sketch is given in this work; Oliver H. engaged in farming during his early life, but at the age of twenty-one, having a natural ability in that direction, entered the Iowa State University, where he studied civil engineering, after which, in 1877, he went to California, where he secured employment, and has been eminently successful in his chosen work; Catherine, now the wife of Albert Aikins, a well-to-do farmer of Cedar County; Annie W. wedded James A. Irwin, a former resident of Indiana, but now a farmer of Goshen Township.

On coming to this county Mr. Buckman was in limited circumstances, but his arduous and untiring labors brought their reward, and he has now a