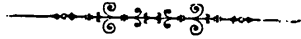
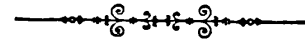


eight of whom are living—James Z., John J. and Isaac W. (twins), William, Herman E., A. C., Mary E., Harriet M., and four who died in childhood. Isaac Reed, the grandfather of Isaac W., was a spy during the Indian troubles in the early settlement of Pennsylvania.



**C**HARLES HOFFMAN, an active and successful farmer of Viola Township, was born in Holstein, Germany, December 3, 1844. He is the son of Charles and Celie Hoffman, who emigrated to the United States when our subject was four years old. They landed at the city of New Orleans, and came up the river to Davenport, Iowa, where they settled. The father was a fisherman by occupation. He died in the year 1880, and the mother died in the year 1878. In his childhood Charles spent little time in school, as he was needed to assist his father. In later years he went to work on a farm for a man named Bennett, on condition that he was to go to school a portion of the time. This contract resulted in three years' work and one week's schooling, a deprivation to which there is none other equal. Charles returned to Davenport and remained there a year, being unable to work. In August, 1862, at the age of eighteen years, he enlisted in the Union army, in Company G, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to St. Louis, Missouri, thence to Arkansas, and thence to Vicksburg, where he took part in the siege. In 1863 his regiment was sent to Port Hudson, and there did duty as guards and in attending the sick for three months. He was then ordered to New Orleans, thence to Mustang Island. After six months he was sent to Texas, being stationed at Brownsville. His next order was to go to Mobile

Bay, and after some skirmishing there he was mustered out, receiving his discharge at Clinton, Iowa, in July, 1865. He then returned to Davenport and there worked two years in a lime-kiln. In the spring of 1871 he came to Audubon County and settled on his present farm, which was then raw prairie. He first bought eighty acres, and now owns 200 acres, well improved. He was married in 1866 to Miss Mary J. Baker, a daughter of Robert and Eliza (Owen) Baker, of Davenport, Iowa. By this marriage seven children have been born—Charles O., William H., Christopher A., Robert L., James, Roy V. and Lillie May. By industry and good management Mr. Hoffman has acquired a valuable property, and his honorable dealing has won the confidence and respect of all who know him.



**M**MOS TEAKLE is the pioneer breeder and importer of Clydesdale horses in Audubon County. The first pure-blooded Clydesdale horse brought to the county was imported directly from Scotland by Singmaster and Sons, noted stockmen and importers of Keokuk County, Iowa. This animal was purchased by Mr. Teakle in 1883, and much credit is due him for the advancement that has been made in this industry. He now owns two fine horses: Leekie Lad, registered in the Stud Book of Great Britain, No. 1,725; in the American Registry, No. 835. Sir Matthew is registered in the Scotch book, No. 6,299; and in the American book, No. 3,548. Mr. Teakle's farm is in Douglas Township, and is fitted up for breeding purposes. Our subject was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1850. His father, Thomas Teakle, was a native of England, who emigrated to America when a young man. He married Jane Gemmill, a

native of Scotland, and a daughter of William Gemmill. After his marriage Thomas Teakle settled in Pennsylvania, and there carried on farming for a long period of years. He sold his farm and removed with his family to Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1869, and resided there until his death, which occurred in 1876; his wife passed away two years later, in 1878. Amos Teakle is the oldest of six children, four boys and two girls, all of whom are living. He was reared to farm life, and continued to follow this occupation until his majority, when he engaged in feeding hogs and cattle; later he turned his attention to the breeding of horses. Mr. Teakle was married to Miss Maggie Booth, of Keokuk County, Iowa, a native of Scotland, and a daughter of William Booth. They have had three children born to them—Agnes, Thomas and Jane. Mr. Teakle is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Audubon Lodge, No. 163.

**J**ACOB GARRATT, one of the agriculturists of Viola Township, has been a resident of Audubon County since 1883. He was born in the Dominion of Canada, Province of Ontario, in August, 1850. His father, Edward Garratt, was a native of England, and his mother, Mary A. Stong, was born in Canada. Eight children were born to the parents, of whom Jacob is the sixth. He received a common-school education, and was trained to the duties of a farmer's son, his father removing to Ogle County, Illinois, and settling on a farm there. The father died in Cook County, Illinois, in 1866, and the mother died in 1854. Jacob Garratt spent most of his youth in Ogle County, Illinois, and later removed to Cook County, which he made his home until 1867. He then went

back to Ogle County, and was there married to Miss Susan E. Sanborn, of that county, a daughter of Ambrose Sanborn, Esq. In October, 1883, Mr. Garratt removed to Audubon County, Iowa, and settled on a farm in section 9, Viola Township. The farm consists of 120 acres, and is well improved, with a good residence, and buildings for stock. While he is no political aspirant, our subject votes the Democratic ticket. He commenced life for himself with limited means, and today owns valuable property. Mrs. Garratt's mother was Elizabeth Good, Mrs. Garratt being her eldest daughter.

**G**EORGE W. WOOD, a farmer of Lincoln Township, was born in Mercer County, Illinois, April 1, 1862. He is the youngest of six children of John and Caroline (Van Buskirk) Wood, who were early settlers of Pickaway County, Ohio, which was their native State. They removed to Wisconsin, and thence to Mercer County, Illinois, in 1861; they made that their home until 1866, when they went to Poweshiek County, Iowa, and settled on a farm near Grinnell. At the end of one year they moved to Madison County, Iowa, and settled near Winterset; there they continued to reside until 1874, when they came to Audubon County, Iowa, and located on a farm in section 35; the land was new and unimproved; the first purchase contained 240 acres, a part of which was afterward sold. The father died in Poweshiek County, Iowa, and the mother was married to Joseph Snyder. They lived on their present farm for several years and then rented the place and removed to Nebraska, where the mother died June 16, 1888. There were no children born of the second marriage; the children by the first husband were—Sarah (deceased), wife of