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the bonds of matrimony with Miss Anne E. Wright, of Oskaloosa, and they have had ten children, nine yet living. Mary R. is the wife of Romie Lawrence, of Atlantic, and Jennie is the wife of William Calvey, of Exira, Audubon county. The other children are unmarried.

Judge Temple has seen Cass county grow up from one thousand eight hundred inhabitants to twelve thousand or fourteen thousand, and is one of the public-spirited men who have aided in making it what it is, one of the leading counties in agricultural wealth and enterprise in this part of the state.

HON. JOHN Q. TUFTS.

WILTON.

JOHN QUINCY TUFTS, farmer and ex-member of congress, was born at Aurora, Indiana, on the 12th of July, 1840, and is the son of Servinus Tufts and Emily *née* Dudley. His father was born at Wilton, Maine; came to Ohio in 1830, and was for a number of years a professor in the high school at Aurora, Indiana; and during the administration of President Fillmore held a lucrative clerkship in the postoffice department.

He subsequently removed to Muscatine county, Iowa, where he entered largely into business and became wealthy. During these years he had incurred largely for his friends, and when the crash of 1857 came it required almost his entire fortune to pay these debts, and he died at Wilton, Iowa, comparatively poor, in 1862.

He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a radical temperance advocate all his lifetime. He was, moreover, held in high esteem by all who knew him.

The mother of our subject was a daughter of Moses Dudley, Esq., formerly of Wilton, Maine, a most excellent woman, intellectual and highly educated. She was a devout member of the Methodist church, and died in the faith at Wilton, Iowa, in the year 1863. They had a family of four children, three sons and one daughter, the latter died in infancy. The sons lived to maturity, but one of them, John M., died in 1855, while a student at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, leaving our subject and his brother, Benjamin Franklin, sole survivors. The latter is now chief clerk in the postal service between Davenport and Chicago.

The great-great-grandfather of our subject, William Tufts, emigrated from the north of Ireland early in the eighteenth century and settled near Boston, Massachusetts, where a large colony of his descendants still reside. The Tufts College at Medford, in that state, was founded and endowed to the amount

of over a million dollars by members of the lineage, and is a monument to their wisdom and public spirit.

Dr. Cotton Tufts, a descendant of the original William Tufts, graduated at Harvard College, was a man of great learning and influence; practiced his profession for many years at Weymouth. He was state counselor and a senator for many years; was a member of the convention for ratifying the federal constitution, and was one of the founders of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and of the Massachusetts Medical Society, of which he was president for ten years.

He married a daughter of Colonel John Quincy, who was a near relative of John Quincy Adams; hence the baptismal name of our subject.

The grandfather of our subject, Hon. John Tufts, was for many years a member of the upper branch of the Massachusetts legislature. He afterward removed to Wilton, Maine, and later in life emigrated to Indiana, where he died.

John Quincy Tufts was raised at Muscatine, Iowa, and in early life imbibed a taste for agricultural pursuits. After passing through the curriculum of the common schools of the city he spent two years at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, which institution he left in 1858.

He immediately commenced to improve the farm on which he now lives, in Cedar county, Iowa, three miles northeast of Wilton. In 1872 he built a beautiful villa, one of the most ornate and commodious residences in the state.

He has always been a man of high moral character, and an earnest advocate of the temperance cause. From the outset he took a leading position in his community, and has rarely been without some local office of trust and responsibility, his education and natural gifts seeming to fit him especially for the position of a leader.

In 1869 he was elected to the lower branch of the

thirteenth general assembly of Iowa, and served as chairman of the committee on suppression of intemperance.

In 1871 he was reelected and was made chairman of the committee on claims against the state, and instituted a system by which all claims having been once passed on by the legislature are placed on record, indexed, and the result indicated for future reference. This has been the means of saving time of the legislature and money to the state.

In 1873 he was a member of the extra session which made and passed what is known as the "New Code" of statutes of the state. In 1873 he was again elected and served as chairman of the committee on railroads, then the most important committee in the body, and is one of the authors of the present railroad law of the state regulating freight and passenger tariffs. He was among the most intelligent and useful members of the house, and left behind a record of integrity and wisdom.

In 1874 he was nominated by the republicans of the second congressional district of Iowa, and elected to the forty-fourth congress. During the canvass he was challenged by his democratic opponent, Hon. J. L. Sheehan, a leading lawyer of the state, to a joint discussion, which Mr. Tufts promptly accepted, and met his competitor at all the towns and cities in the district, and though the district had polled a democratic majority the previous year, running considerably ahead of his ticket.

In congress he had but little opportunity to distinguish himself. He was a member of the committee on Indian affairs, and also a member of the special committee to inquire into the management of Indian affairs.

Although he has had much experience in public

life, yet he is somewhat diffident as a public speaker, and consequently is not obtrusive in public assemblies, but when occasion requires can express his thoughts freely and even eloquently. He has strong convictions of duty, and the courage to stand by them in the face of opposition. He is a firm temperance man in principle as well as practice, and favors prohibition in preference to license.

Mr. Tufts is a member of the Masonic order. In religious sentiment, he adheres to Protestantism.

On the 10th of October, 1861, he married Miss Susan Shaw Cooke, daughter of Henry Cooke, Esq., of Williamsburg, Iowa, formerly of Mainville, Ohio. Mrs. Tufts was educated at Leigh University, is an amiable and accomplished lady, and was in early life a teacher; she is a fine conversationalist, and is well versed in the literature of the day. They have had nine children: Annie Dudley, Emily, Edward Benjamin, John Quincy, Eva, William Allison, Maud, Martha, and George Washington. The last named, who was twin to Martha, died at the age of nine months, August, 1877.

Mr. Tufts is somewhat above middle size, of full form and fine personal appearance; his complexion being florid, and his hair and beard of a sandy hue. He has a large head and high forehead, indicating a strong intellect; he possesses, in fact, a well-balanced mind. He is a great reader, and owns one of the best libraries of the state.

As a friend, he is true and steadfast, but it requires a strong effort to forget an injury; generous and tender-hearted to the poor, and held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

As a husband and father, he is devoted to his family, holding it as his first duty to minister to their comfort and happiness.

THOMAS J. DOUGLASS, M.D.,

OTTUMWA.

AMONG the physicians of longest practice and best standing in Ottumwa is Thomas Jefferson Douglass, who seems to eschew every other branch of science and to make medicine his life study as well as life pursuit. By attending entirely and closely to his profession he has built up an extensive business, and by his skill has secured the confidence of the community. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Mercer county on the 3d of July, 1829.

His parents were Archibald A. and Maria Parks Douglass. His paternal ancestors were from Scotland, and were early settlers in Pennsylvania and Virginia, his great-grandfather, being an officer in the American revolution. The Parks family were among the pioneers in Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch spent his minority in his native state, devoting it mainly to literary pursuits, finishing his education at the Mercer Academy.