

"A. S. CHAPMAN, a farmer of section 9, Boyer township, Crawford county, Iowa, was born in Du Page county, Illinois, in 1852, a son of Thomas and Mary E. (Rogers) Chapman, natives of Chautauqua county, New York. They were married in that State, but in an early day moved to Du Page county, Illinois, where the father opened a farm. In 1861, in that county, he enlisted in Company D, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, was in the Western army, but was discharged on account of sickness after nine months of service. He then returned to Du Page county, Illinois, and in 1874 removed to Minnesota, where he was in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and also worked one year in the Indian agency at Otter Tail City. His death occurred in Boyer township, Crawford county, Iowa, in 1876, and the mother died in Du Page county, Illinois. They were the parents of nine children, viz.: Edward, who enlisted in the Twenty-second Illinois Infantry for three years, and was killed during service; De Ett, wife of C. D. Nash, of Boyer township; Lo Ret, wife of R. J. Burwell, of Dunlap; A. S., our subject; Martha, now Mrs. J. D. Nelson, of Crawford county; Effie, wife of Frank Schlessig, of Monroe County, Iowa.

A. S. Chapman, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in his native county. At the age of nineteen years he went to Minnesota, where he was employed as contractor on the Northern Pacific railroad two years. In 1873 he worked for the Wisconsin Central in Wisconsin; was employed in different parts of northern Wisconsin, and assisted in building the telegraph line from La Crosse to Winona. He was also engaged in logging on the upper Mississippi in the summer, to supply the demand of the Northern Pacific. After marriage, in 1876, he resided in Harrison county, Iowa, two years, and in 1878 located on his present farm of eighty acres in Boyer township, Crawford county, which is now under a fine state of cultivation. Politically, Mr. Chapman is an active worker in the People's party. Socially, he is President of the Farmers' Alliance, and a member of the Industrial Union.

In Harrison county, Iowa, in March, 1876, our subject married Miss Martha Semple, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of Elon and Jane (Alexander) Semple. The parents were born in that State, but in an early day removed to Harrison county, Iowa. The father was a mason by trade, but also followed farming and broom-making. He is a survivor of the Mexican war, and also served three years in the late war. They have resided in Harrison county, Iowa, for the past twenty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have eight children, namely: Henry, Floy, Thomas, Leonard, Verny, Amy, May and Roland. Mr. Chapman takes an active interest in politics and education, has served as a member of the School Board, and has always identified himself with every cause for the promotion of the county's welfare."

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