

In 1880 Thomas M. Roach was united in marriage to Mary Claffey, of Hawley, Minnesota, a daughter of Michael Claffey and wife. To this union twelve children have been born, four of whom died young, the others being as follow: John, James, Thomas, Morris, Lawrence, Julia, Ellen and Catherine, these eight children being still alive. The Roach family are members of the Catholic church and are earnestly interested in all its good works, as well as in the welfare of the community in which they reside, always ready to assist any worthy project calculated to advance the common good.

ROBERT B. WEBB.

Robert B. Webb, a member of the board of county commissioners of Clay county, formerly and for years engaged in the grain business at Glyndon, later engaged in the sale of farm machinery at that place and now actively engaged in the dairy business there, owner of one of the best dairy herds in the county, is a native of the state of New York, but has been a resident of the Northwest since he was but a child and of Minnesota and Clay county since 1878, being very properly therefore regarded as one of the old settlers of this part of the state. He was born on a farm in Columbia county, New York, January 21, 1846, son of Sylvester T. and Eliza (Harrington) Webb, both also natives of the Empire state, who moved from there in 1850 to Wisconsin and became pioneers in Walworth county, one of the southernmost counties of that state. There Mrs. Webb spent her last days and there Mr. Webb is still living, being now past ninety-three years of age. He is a member of the Methodist church, as was his wife. They became the parents of five children, four sons and one daughter, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being William, Silas, Mark T. and Ava.

As noted above, Robert B. Webb was but four years of age when his parents moved from New York state to Wisconsin in 1850 and in the latter state he grew to manhood on the pioneer farm in Walworth county, receiving his schooling at Geneva Lake and at Milton Academy. For five winters he taught school in his home county, meanwhile continuing farming during the summers, and then, in 1878, came up into the Red River country and bought a tract of land southwest of the village of Glyndon, on which he established his home. Two years later he moved to the village of Glyndon and was for thirteen years thereafter engaged there as the local agent for