

Thompson had so long rendered as clerk, and a handsomely printed copy of the same was presented to him, a testimonial which, it is needless to say, is valued very highly by him. Mr. Thompson now has a well-improved farm of four hundred acres and has never regretted the decision that prompted him to come up into the Red River country back in the days of the beginning of the settlement here.

Mr. Thompson's wife died at her new home in Elmwood township in 1899. She also was born in Scotland, and before her marriage was Ann Lamb. Her father, also a native of Scotland, spent all his days in his native land, but the mother came to America in 1872 and died at the home which she homesteaded in Elkton township. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson two children were born, Mary, who died in 1902, and John Dougal, who died in 1901. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Presbyterian church and was one of the organizers of the local congregation of that church back in the early days. During the activities of the Good Templar societies many years ago, he was an active Good Templar and his influence in the community in which he has resided from the very beginning of its settlement has ever been exerted in behalf of better conditions.

WRIGHT WORKS.

It will always be a mark of distinction to have served the Union during the great Civil War. The old soldier will receive attention no matter where he goes, if he will but make himself known, and when he passes away, friends will pay him a fitting eulogy for the sacrifices he made over a half century ago on the sanguinary fields of battle in the Southland or in the no less dreaded prison, fever camp or hospital. One of these honored veterans in Clay county is Wright Works, who is now living in retirement at Hawley after an active life as a farmer.

Mr. Works was born in February, 1844, in St. Lawrence county, New York. He is a son of Joseph T. W. and Susan (Thornton) Works. Her father settled in New York state in the year 1807. Her death occurred in 1849 at the age of thirty-six years. Joseph T. W. Works was born in Cuyahoga county, New York, in October, 1803. He devoted his life to school teaching for the most part, and farmed some. He finally left his native state and located in Hardin county, Ohio, where his death occurred in 1866 at the age of sixty-two years. His family consisted of four children.

namely: Wright, subject of this sketch; Lucian, deceased; Wanen, who came to Clay county among the early pioneers in 1873, took up a homestead in section 20, Cromwell township, which he later sold and bought a farm in Hawley township, operating the same until 1907, when he sold out and moved to the state of Washington, where he now resides, and Lena, the youngest child, who died when nineteen years old.

Mr. Works is descended from an early founder of this great nation, one of his ancestors being one of three Works brothers who came over from Ireland, about twenty years after the landing of the Pilgrims, and settled in Massachusetts. Moreover, Mr. Works is of Revolutionary stock. His grandfather, Asa Works, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and received a broken arm in the battle of Monmouth. According to tradition, his mother's Grandfather Rounds and his father's Grandfather Mark were also soldiers in the Revolution.

Wright Works grew to manhood in St. Lawrence county, New York, and there attended the common schools. He and all his brothers were soldiers in the Union army during the war between the states, and he and his brother Lucian served in Company B, Sixtieth New York Volunteer Infantry, the latter being only sixteen years old when he enlisted. He was with Sherman on his march through Georgia to the sea. Warren, who was in Battery H, Fourth New York Heavy Artillery, was also only sixteen when he enlisted in the spring of 1863. They all three came out of the service with wounds, but those of Lucian and Warren were not serious. Wright, who was eighteen when he enlisted, took part in the great battle of Gettysburg, where he was injured by a musket ball destroying his right eye, passing through the nose and injuring the left side of his head. He spent the latter part of his term of enlistment in the hospital.

Wright Works returned home after he was honorably discharged from the army and engaged in farming in his native state until 1891, when he came to Clay county, Minnesota, and lived with his brother Warren. He first bought eighty acres in Keene township, where he farmed until he moved to section 19, Hawley township, where he continued farming, buying a good place there, which he sold in the fall of 1916 and moved to the village of Hawley, where he has been living retired. He owns a pleasant home there.

Mr. Works was married at Moorhead, Minnesota, in May, 1907, to Maude Whaley, who was born in April, 1863, in London, England, from which country she came to America when ten years old. The union of Mr.

and Mrs. Works has resulted in the birth of a son, Wright Works, Jr., who is ten years old at this writing.

Mr. Works takes a good American citizen's interest in his political party. He is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was commander for one year. He has served four terms as justice of the peace, discharging his duties in an able, faithful and acceptable manner. His decisions were always characterized by an accurate knowledge of the law and by fairness to all parties concerned.

JACOB GARVEN.

The late Jacob Garven, who died at his home in Alliance township, Clay county, on June 2, 1914, was born in Wisconsin on August 30, 1867, and in the days of his young manhood came over into Minnesota and settled in Clay county, where he spent the rest of his life, becoming a substantial landowner and farmer. On June 17, 1892, at Barnesville, he married Mathilda Peter, who was born in Germany, September 8, 1875, and who had come to this country with her parents, August and Hannah (Becker) Peter, in 1891, the family coming on out to Minnesota and settling at Barnesville, where August Peter spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1903. His widow is still living in Clay county, being now past eighty-two years of age. August Peter and wife were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Garven was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Mary, Millie, Herman (deceased) and Bertha. Mrs. Garven's sisters are all married.

It was in 1896 that Jacob Garven established his home in section 23 of Alliance township and there he spent the remainder of his life, becoming a well-to-do farmer. He was the owner of seven hundred and twenty-three acres of land, now owned by his widow, and at his death in 1914 left his family in comfortable circumstances. He made all the improvements on his home place and had an excellent farm plant there. The management of this plant is now being carried on by his widow and her sons, who are successfully engaged in general farming. In the summer of 1917 the Garvens were cultivating sixty-five acres of potatoes, in agreement with many other farmers hereabout that potatoes form one of the most profitable crops that can be raised in the Red River valley.

To Jacob and Mathilda (Peter) Garven were born eight children,