

quarter (91 acres) of section 9, Sterling Township. He afterward sold this, and in 1842 pre-empted 124 acres on section 27, where he still lives.

Mr. W. has been Justice of the Peace, Town Supervisor, County Surveyor of Whiteside, etc. In religion he is a Universalist, and in politics a Republican, taking a deep interest in the welfare of the community and of the nation.

May 14, 1834, in Saratoga Co., N. Y., Mr. Woodworth was married to Permelia Parks, who died Dec. 1, 1844, leaving two children, Leonard and George L. Mr. W. was married again, Oct. 24, 1845, to Mrs. Alice H. Goodell; and by this marriage there have also been two children, Clarence C. and Alice S.

John R. Thompson, one of the progressive and energetic farmers and stock raisers of Whiteside County, residing on section 10, Portland Township, and owning 650 acres in the township, is a son of Robert and Lydia (Graham) Thompson. He was born on the farm where he at present resides, Sept. 15, 1838. His father was a native of Ireland, and came to this county from Ohio, in 1836. He drove through with an ox team, bringing his furniture, wife and children, Mary, Richard, William, Elizabeth and Robert. He bought a claim where John R. now resides, consisting of 320 acres, from Asa Crook, and when the land came into market, purchased the same from the Government. He died on the old homestead, April 6, 1883. John R.'s mother died at the same place, Aug. 16, 1873.

After his father's death, John R. Thompson bought out his brother Hiram C.'s interest, and has since added by subsequent purchase to his landed estate until he is at present the possessor of 650 acres. He makes a specialty of Short-horn cattle, and has 30 full-blooded and also a number of graded. He raises a large quantity of poultry, among which are the Plymouth Rock chickens and Mammoth Black turkeys. He also raises a number of Norman and Clydesdale horses.

Mr. Thompson worked on the farm for a number of years after reaching the age of maturity, and then himself and brother Hiram, being the youngest of

the children, ran the farm and took care of the old folks.

Mr. Thompson enlisted in Portland Township, this county, in Dec, 1861, in Co. B, Ill. Vol. Inf., and was soon afterward transferred to Co. K, 34th Ill. Vol. Inf., in which he served as private for one year. He was then wounded at the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862, in the left hand, and came home on a furlough of three months. He returned to his company and was discharged in December, 1862, on account of disability. He then returned to the farm, and the following April enlisted in Co. K, 134th Ill. Vol. Inf., and served for about six months, when he again returned home, having received his final discharge.

Mr. Thompson was married in Portland Township, this county, May 10, 1868, to Miss Celesta F. Herman. She was a daughter of Moses and Betsy (Underwood) Herman, and was born in Marion, Linn Co., Iowa, Aug. 1, 1850. They are the parents of four children, all born on the homestead, in Portland Township, this county. Their record is as follows: Sylvia L., born March 10, 1869; Graham G., born Oct. 20, 1870; Freddie J., born Sept. 27, 1876; Pearle C., born Sept. 29, 1881.

Mr. Thompson has been School Director for the past ten years. His brother Hiram C. makes his home with him, and was born in Portland Township, this county, Feb. 28, 1840.

George Foy is a farmer, residing on section 34, in Prophetstown Township, and the owner of 200 acres of land located thereon. He was born in Allegany Co., N. Y., Aug. 29, 1818. His father, William Foy, was a native of Vermont and was born about 1788. His mother, Ruth (Morrill) Foy, was also a native of Vermont, and was born about 1790. They had ten children, six of whom are now living. Phoebe, Mahala, Harriet, George, Daniel and William. In 1839 the family came West to McDonough Co., Ill., where the father purchased a farm of 160 acres, and George also became the proprietor of 120 acres.

In 1848 Mr. Foy, subject of this biographical notice, came to this county and purchased his present farm of 200 acres, located as above stated. He

has two groves on his farm, containing five acres of ground, located near his residence and which is used by picnic parties. He has improved his place by the erection of a nice residence, barns, etc., and now has a well cultivated and finely appearing farm.

Mr. Foy was united in marriage in McDonough Co., Ill., Tennessee Township, April 30, 1844, to Miss Nancy Dickenson. She was a daughter of John Dickenson, and was born in Kentucky, in 1822. They have had 11 children, two born in Hancock County. Of their children five survived, namely: Charles E., a farmer and stock-raiser in Nebraska and owning a fine place in that State, containing 590 acres. Mary F. is the wife of George Klock, a resident in Sheffield, Bureau Co., Ill. Augusta E. is the wife of Hulbert C. Bunker, a farmer residing in Nebraska. Wilbur is a farmer located near Davenport, Iowa; and Freeman E. lives at home.

The deceased were Augustus, Latitia, Albert E., who was a practicing physician in Elmira, Emma, and two who died in infancy. The parents of Mr. Foy came to this county a few years after their son, and the father died in Prairie City, Jan. 16, 1869; and the mother died in Prophetstown Township, Sept. 21, 1864; Charles E. was a soldier in the war for the Union, having enlisted in the 34th Ill. Vol. Inf., and served two years, participating in all the engagements in which his regiment took part.

Fohn P. Fuller, one of the old pioneers of Whiteside County, a farmer residing on section 21, Portland Township, and the owner of 120 acres of land in the township, is a son of Levi and Betsey (Martin) Fuller, and was born in Cattaraugus County, Randolph Township, N. Y., July 4, 1822. His father was a native of Oneida Co., N. Y., and was born in January, 1793, and his mother in the same county in January, 1792. The issue of their union was 11 children, of whom five yet survive. Levi resides in Arkansas, John P. is the subject of this notice, George is a farmer in York Co., Neb., Rachel is the wife of John Zimmerman, a farmer in Portland Township, this county, and Lucinda is the wife of C. W. Lanphere, a farmer and veterinary surgeon in Portland Township. The father died in Portland Town-

ship, April 19, 1856, on the old homestead, and the mother is still living, aged 93 years. In 1835 the family drove from Erie, Pa., to Chicago, this State. The village of Chicago at that time was in its infancy, and neither Mr. Fuller nor any of his children realized for a moment the future of the great metropolis. The family remained in the village of Chicago until Feb. 2, 1836, when they drove to Portland Township, this county, where the father took up a claim of 160 acres of land located on section 10. He resided there a number of years and experienced all the trials incident to a pioneer life. He nevertheless was determined to establish a home for himself and family and laboriously entered upon the task of improving and cultivating his land. He first built a log house, and the product of his land he disposed of in Chicago, which consisted of wheat and pork. He was a Christian man and belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Fuller, subject of this biographical notice, remained at home until he was 21 years of age, when he set forth upon the road of adversity to fight the battles of life alone. He engaged to work by the day for Mr. Horace Burk, and while working for him in 1841 or 1842, a tornado came through the township at this time. He was in the house with 13 others, and the tornado entirely demolished the house; and when it was over he found himself some six rods from the house. He was terribly bruised and nearly dead, and it took six hours and a half to revive the circulation of the blood in his veins. The disaster laid him up so he did nothing for about two years. Two others of the 13 were badly hurt, Mr. Burk and wife, and they never fully recovered from the injury they received. Mr. Fuller feels the effect of the injury received every day he lives, his spinal column being fractured at the time.

Mr. Fuller purchased 40 acres of his present farm about 1851, and now has 120 acres, also 12 acres of timber land in Fuller's Grove, Portland Township. His son-in-law, Henry Sibley, now works the farm. Mr. Fuller has been Highway Commissioner 19 years. He was married in Warren Co., Ill., June 25, 1844, to Miss Almira M. Lanphere, daughter of Caleb and Lucinda (Martin) Lanphere. She was born in Oneida Co., N. Y., Aug. 23, 1821. They had seven children, five of whom yet survive. The record is as follows: Clark C., born Nov. 4, 1847, is a merchant at Spring Hill. Willis H., born Feb. 27,